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The Siemens-Cowper-Cochrane Hot-Blast Stoves.

The Siemens regenerative system for the economical generation of high temperatures, has advanced the practice of many departments of metallurgy materially in some instances, while in others it may be said to have made new methods practically possible. The advantages attending the use of highly heated blast have been too generally recognized within the last few years to demand recapitulation. They have become attainable by the adaptation of the Siemens regenerative system to the heating of blast. As is frequently the case with improvements of value, the application of this system has gone through a long time of experimenting and of trial. It was first used by Cowper in 1860, and applied by Messrs. Cochrane at Ormesby, near Middlesborough, and has since been so modified that in their present improved construction these fire-brick stoves have overcome the evils attending the defects of their original shape. The accompanying illustrations, for which we are indebted to Messrs. Taws & Hartman, of Philadelphia, show the present approved practice. The stoves, which are 50 feet high and 15 feet in diameter, consist of an air-tight shell made of 1/4-inch common boiler iron, lined with red brick and fire-brick. Near one side of the stove is placed the vertical combustion chamber, which is 4 feet 4 inches in diameter and 42 feet high. Parallel to and alongside of it is the regenerator, formed of fire-brick 2 1/2 inches thick, set on edge so that their flat sides are exposed to the current of air or gas, respectively. These bricks are so built up that they leave openings 4 inches square, extending from the top to the bottom of the regenerator. As will be seen from the section, Fig. 3 (see page 3), the openings are contracted in the upper part of the regenerator, in order to cause the gas or air to spread over the whole upper surface of the regenerator, and thus insure its distributing and going down all the openings uniformly. In the aggregate the regenerative chambers have 40,000 square feet of heating surface. Both the regenerator and the combustion chamber are independent of the side walls and the roof, and of each other, so that repairs can be made without taking down one part to get at another. The gas, which is brought to the stoves in flues 18 inches in diameter, is admitted in thin strips at the bottom of the chamber, (see Fig. 4, page 3), and mixes at once with the air of combustion which enters through 18-inch pipes, just above the gas flues. The hot products of combustion ascend in the combustion chamber, and, passing downward, sweep through the regenerator to the chimney flue, which is 36 inches in diameter. The chimney is 4 feet 8 inches in diameter in the clear, and is made 145 feet high. The flues are all overhead, and can be cleaned in ten minutes during casting time. The waste gases from the blast furnace are washed before they are allowed to enter the stoves, in an apparatus shown in Fig. 1. The waste gases first strike upon an inclined division plate, which causes much of the dust to fall into a dust-catcher; then they pass back of the plate through an opening into the vertical pipe immediately below the plate. While descending in this pipe, they meet sprays of waste tuyere water which cleanse them of the greater portion of the dust. All the dust which settles in the stoves themselves is removed in five minutes twice a week, at casting time, by blowing the whole volume of air from the blowing engine through them. This method has proved so effectual that the stoves at the Crown Point Iron Works, when examined after 13 months' use, were found to be clean, while the brick had remained unglazed. Provision has also been made for sweeping the stoves should it be desired to do so. One cap in the top is removed, which is sufficient to get at all the openings.

The time during which one stove is heating the blast for the furnace is two hours, this period being called a "blow." As four hours are needed to heat the stove up again by the combustion of the blast furnace gases, it will be seen that three stoves are necessary for a plant. During a "blow" the temperature of the blast is lowered from 100 to 200 degrees. With a view of equalizing this an automatic valve is provided, which at the beginning of the blow admits some cold air directly into the hot-blast pipe, so that, by mixing with it, the blast, which is too hot at the beginning of the blow, is cooled down to the proper temperature. As the blow continues the cold air is gradually cut off.

To operate the stoves the hot blast and the cold blast valves are closed, the chimney valve is opened and a burning torch is put through the air valve into the combustion chamber. The gas valve is then gradually opened until the gas fires, when the valve is thrown wide open. After burning for four hours the stove is ready for a "blow" for heating the blast. The gas valve is first closed, then the air, and finally the chimney valve; the cold-blast valve is opened and at last the hot-blast valve, whereby the blast is permitted to blow through the stove. The stove last on a blow is then turned on gas. The gas escaping from the stoves has quite uniformly a temperature of 400 degrees, while the blast is made as hot as 1700° F. The stove, it will be seen, is simple in construction and inexpensive in maintenance and repairs. It can be built by workmen of ordinary intelligence in about two months. Each stove contains 43,000

red brick, 10,000 No. 1 and 70,000 No. 2 fire-brick. For a set of three stoves there is required boiler plate work weighing 186,000 pounds and 213,000 pounds of castings. In localities where materials are cheap, the cost is said to be about \$16,000 for stoves.

The following is the average of one year's work, the blast being heated to 1210 degrees, and the coke containing 9 per cent of ash:

	Cwt.
Coke to ton iron.....	20.60
Ore " ".....	48.80
Limestone to ton iron.....	12.50

done, and, on the other hand, induced the men to be more industrious through a desire to finish one piece and be paid for it, instead of simply working on time. Now, however, it seems to be admitted that though in some cases it would be difficult to return to the previous system, piece-work is almost always

veillance is capable of making him do this. He is anxious to get through his quantity, and stopping the machine would delay him, and he cares little what the quality of his work may be.

The German Tariff.

The following are the rates of import duty for the German Empire, advocated by Prince Bismarck and passed by the "Bundesrath," the upper house of the Empire. As it is likely to pass the second legislative body also, it deserves attention:

Iron and Steel.	
	Per metric ton.
Pig iron of all kinds.....	\$2.44
Iron, in bars, L and T iron, fish plates, ties, &c.....	6.10
Blooms, much bar and ingots.....	3.66
Ordinary sheet iron.....	7.32
Polished, japanned, coppered sheet or tin plate.....	12.20
Wire, ordinary, coppered, tinned, galvanized, &c., 0.5 inch in diameter or above.....	6.10
Below 0.5 inch.....	7.32
Coarse castings.....	6.10
Iron for coarse parts of machinery, bridges or parts of bridges, anchors, chains, wire rope, wrought-iron tubing.....	7.32
Iron ware in the rough, ground, galvanized, tinned, &c., but not polished, such as axes, files, hammers, planes, sword blades, cooking utensils, nails, pans, knives in the rough, scythes, sickles, tower clocks, chains and ropes for towing, &c.....	free
Fine castings and fine steel or iron articles, polished or lacquered, knives, scissors, knitting or crocheting needles.....	60.56
Sewing needles, pens, parts of watches, guns.....	146.40
Metals.	
Pig lead.....	free
Sheet lead, type.....	87.32
Coarse articles of lead, combined with wood, iron, zinc or tin not polished or lacquered; wire.....	14.64
Fine articles of lead and lacquered do.....	60.56
Pig copper and other base alloys or articles thereof not elsewhere specified.....	24.16
Copper, hammered or rolled, wire or telegraph cable.....	free
Plated sheet copper or wire.....	68.32
Coarse manufactures of sheet copper or brass, brass tubing and wire cloth.....	48.80
Other manufactures of copper not specified.....	68.32
Manufactures of aluminum, nickel, Britannia ware, bronze, German silver.....	146.40
Zinc, or alloys of, with lead or tin.....	7.32
Sheet zinc.....	14.64
Coarse manufactures of zinc.....	60.56
Fine ".....	60.56
Pig tin.....	7.32
Sheet tin.....	7.32
Coarse manufactures of tin.....	14.64
Fine manufactures of tin, lacquered or polished.....	60.56

These figures, it will be conceded, are by no means excessive. It should not be forgotten that the terms used in the framing of this new law are in accordance with the new nomenclature, so that "schmiedbares Eisen," translated in the above "iron," includes much of what is usually termed steel.

Conditions of Successful Trade With Brazil.

Mr. Herbert St. Smith, in an article contributed to *Scribner's Magazine*, writes as follows concerning the failure of many of the attempts made by American merchants to establish profitable trade with Brazil:

Unfortunately, many American merchants go to Brazil with very vague ideas of the country and its people. Young commercial men imagine they can secure a footing at once simply by placing American goods, often of a very inferior grade, on exhibition. Commonly they get discouraged after the first few months and leave the country in disgust. The worst of these abandoned enterprises is that they deter other and wiser men from entering the field. Americans may as well dispossess their minds of all these crude ideas. If we are to secure a commercial footing in Brazil, it will be by careful and persistent effort, and by studying the wants of the people, not by wild speculation. It is no wonder that these young clerks, ignorant of the language and the country, are unable to compete with the shrewd Brazilian merchants and with well-established English and German houses. Our American manufacturers should employ experienced agents, and in most cases, probably, they would do well to ally themselves with enterprising Brazilian houses, or with American residents of old standing. Then they must be content with small profits at first; new wars push their way little by little. Especially must they avoid flooding the Brazilian markets with inferior goods, or those that are not suited to the wants of the people. Brazilian merchants, for instance, complain that the patterns of American print cloths do not please their customers. The fault is that our manufacturers have sent them the high-colored, showy goods which are sold to Southern negroes. The more refined Brazilian taste prefers the light-striped and flowered French and English prints. Americans, too, must be reconciled to the tediousness of Brazilian commerce. Our active business men are loth to accustom themselves to these endless delays. Custom-house, travel and freight shipments, licenses, all require a large stock of that peculiar Brazilian virtue—*paciencia*. If you take a note, it is for a year or twenty months, or more; if you are promised a custom-house clearance on Monday, expect it on Thursday.

In large transactions the Para merchant is governed, perhaps, rather by a wholesome regard for the law than by any abstract moral reasoning. In retail business, I am bound to say that he is quite as reasonable as his Northern brother. I seldom had occasion for "beating down" a shopkeeper

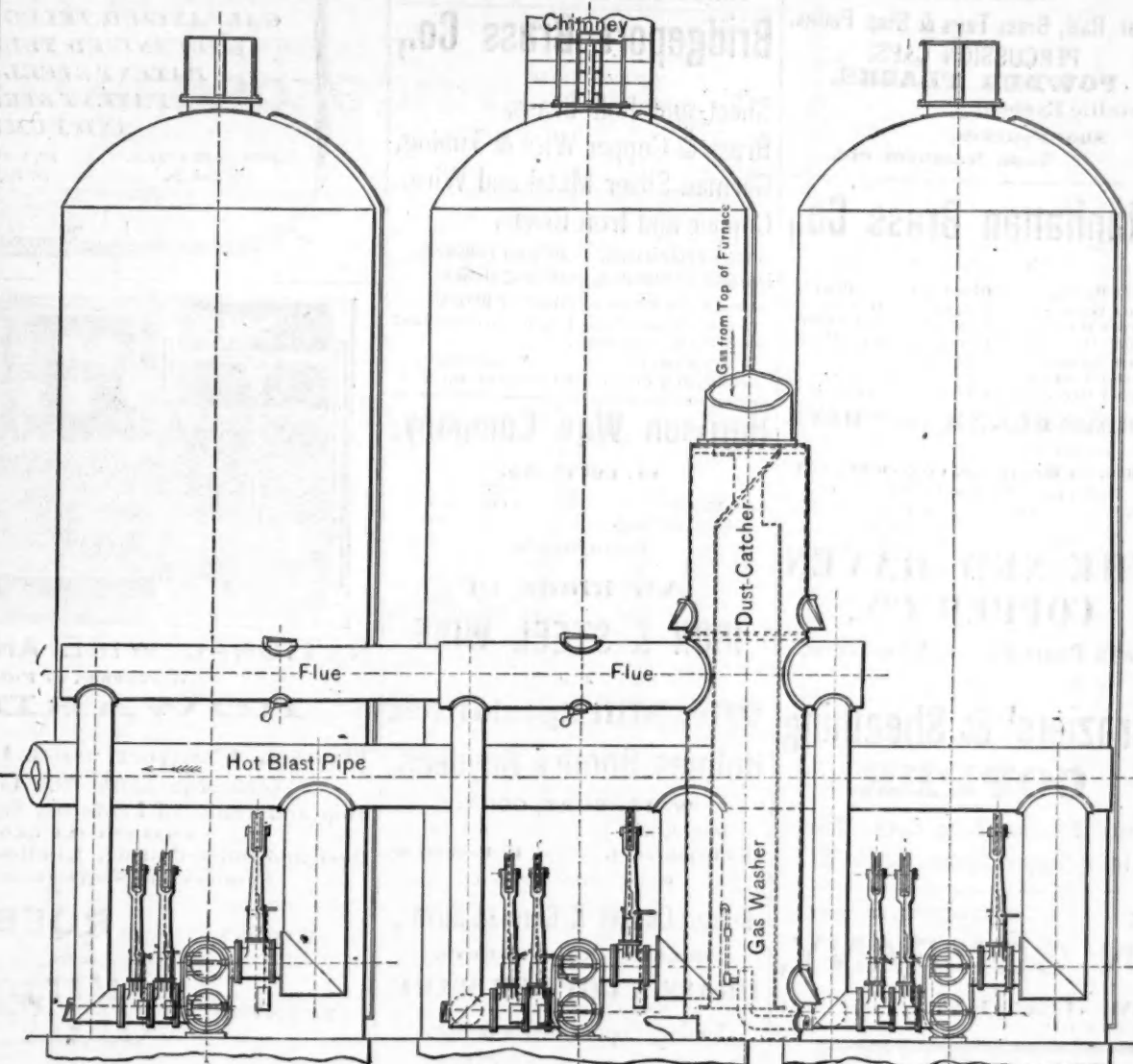


Fig. 1.—Elevation.

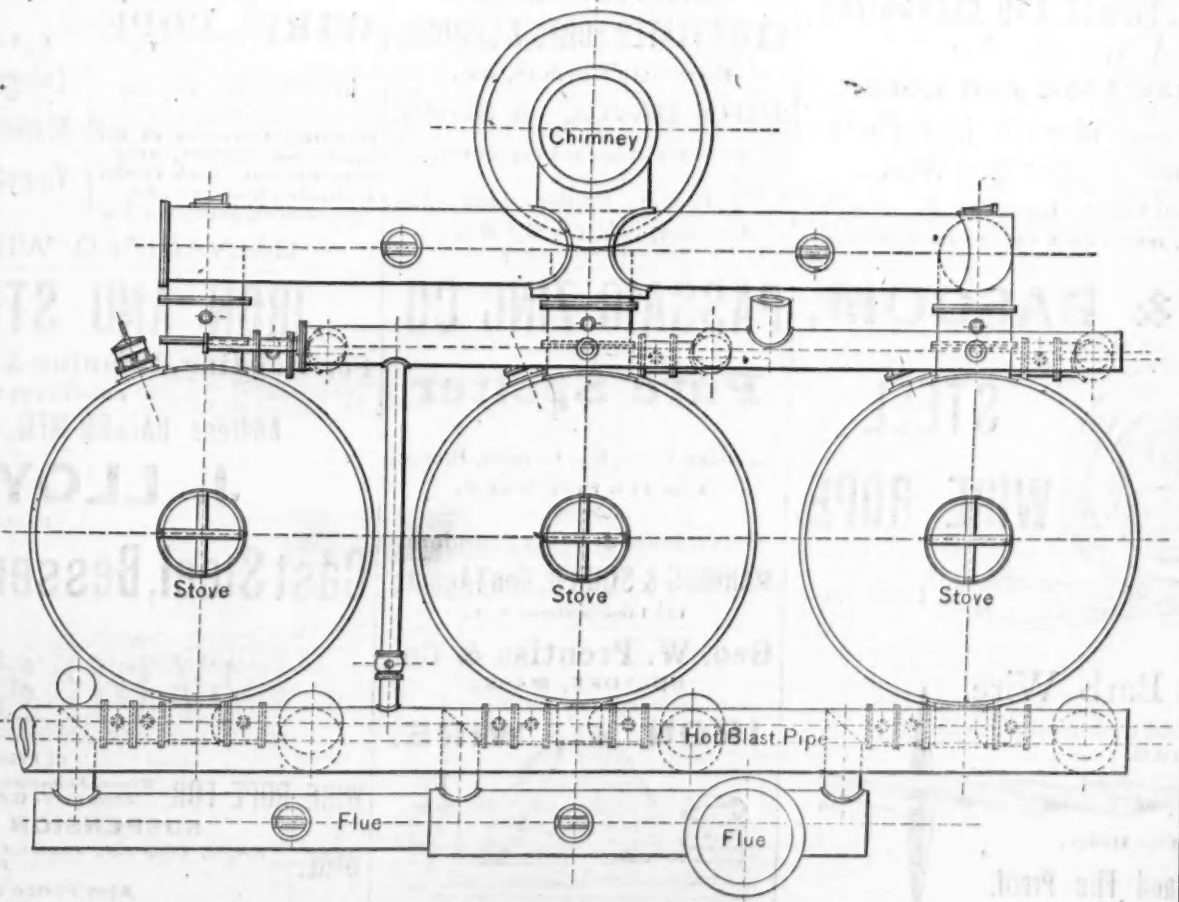


Fig. 2.—Plan.

THE SIEMENS-COWPER-COCHRANE HOT-BLAST STOVES.

heating 8000 cubic feet of air per minute to 1700 degrees. Many are now at work in England, Wales and on the Continent, 30 being used at Creusot alone. In this country, they have been employed at the Crown Point Iron Works, Lake Champlain, and we learn that 9 stoves are being put up at the Edgar Thomson Works, near Pittsburgh.

Piece-work in England.—A correspondent, writing from Birmingham, says: One of the worst results of the difficulties between masters and men has been occasioned by the introduction of piece-work, which at first appeared favorable for both parties, inasmuch as it enabled the employer to pay for no more work than was absolutely

uniformly bad. It is found, especially in the manufacture of prints and stuffs, that the work is much worse done than under the old system, although there may be more of it. Under the time system the workman was always willing to stop the machine to correct flaws and take up threads, whereas under the piece system not even the strictest sur-

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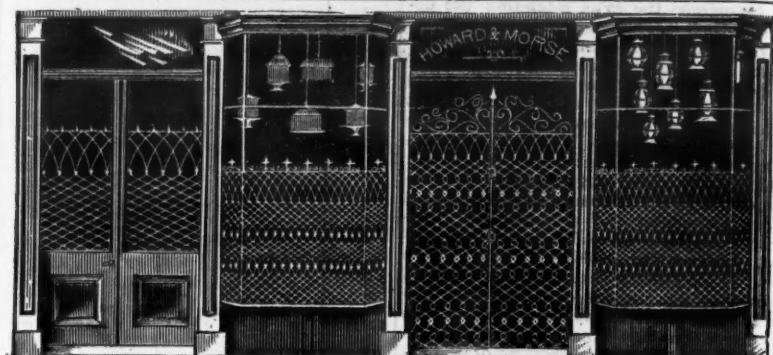
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mix up sentiment even with matters of business. The "No" which a steady-going English tradesman utters over his counter generally means a decided negative. In these countries it means "No," subject to ulterior discussion. All these Continental peoples are dreadful wasters of time and words, and cannot be persuaded to transact any business with a man who is in a hurry. Let me add that a great deal of business is done here over a friendly glass in a café. The French hardware traveler who has spent an unsatisfactory day in meeting rebuffs from door to door does, not lose heart on that account. He waits till evening, and, having ascertained in what café the leading tradesmen are wont to pass the after-dinner hours, he proceeds thither and tackles them afresh, pleasantly, glass in hand. Sometimes he pushes his devotion to the length

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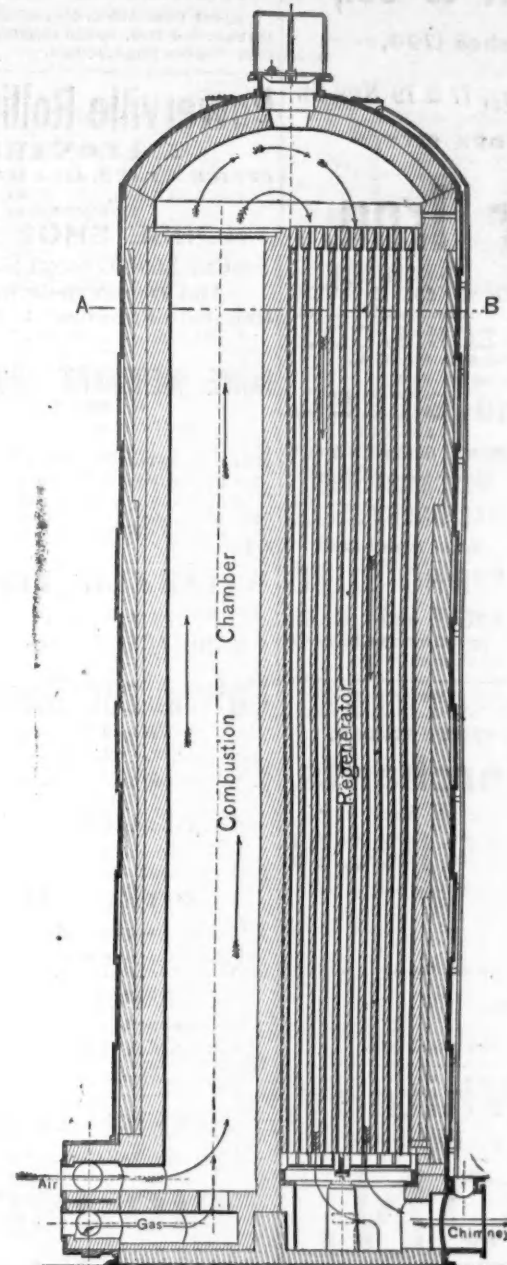


Fig. 3.—Section of Hot-Blast Stove.—(See page 1).



Fig. 4.—Section A. B.
THE SIEMENS-COWPER-COCHRANE HOT-BLAST STOVE.

care is taken to pick up the business, which may be done at odd moments, when, through some cause or other, a sudden demand for a particular sort of goods is felt on the market. The long and severe winter through which we have passed has produced a brisk sale of warming apparatus, lamps, kitchen utensils, scuttles, fire-irons, &c.; but the French and Germans, through having so many travelers, seem almost to have monopolized the benefit of these extra demands. I suspect that the paucity of English travelers is due to the fact that so few of our people speak French fluently. I would, therefore, most earnestly recommend the study of this useful language in our English commercial schools, and also to young men of business who may have leisure hours of an evening. I think, too, that young Englishmen should try and cultivate those conversational arts in which the French shine. The French make capital agents, for they are lively, pushing and persuasive; nothing daunts them; they will ply their tongues upon a tradesman in all sorts of ways till they discover his weak point, and they very seldom leave a shop without carrying away an order. Englishmen appear to do business in a rather too gentleman-like fashion—coldly and stiffly, in the "take it or leave it" style. They call attention to the excellence of their wares by serious argument, but are too apt to forget that these Continental races are garrulous, love "gush" and, moreover,

of playing dominoes or billiards with them; sometimes he sings a comic song or airs his talents on the concertina. It is easy to smile at these doings as undignified; but, after all, they constitute the diplomacy of trade as Continentals understand it.

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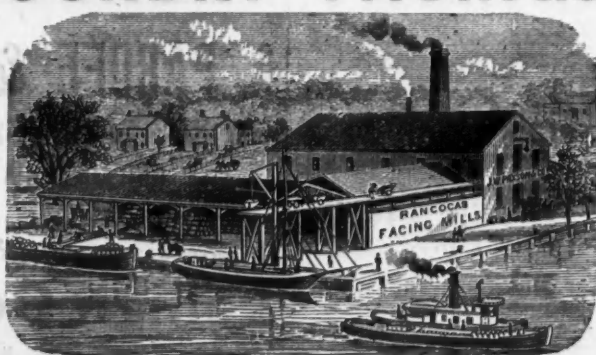
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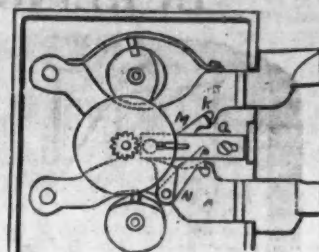
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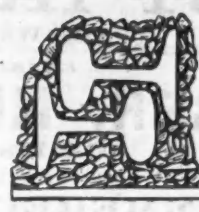
tion of the bolts, the sliding bar Q, and cam pieces M N.

2. The combination of the bolt studs k,



the cam pieces, the sliding bar and time wheel.

3. The combination of the time wheel, sliding bar, cam pieces, and bolts with



layers and pieces of wrought-iron or scrap of the same, the whole being covered on the sides, ends, top and bottom with pieces or scrap of wrought iron, and supported on said wooden base.

3. The mode of converting old steel-rail ends or steel scrap into malleable iron, consisting in enveloping with and packing between said rail ends or steel scrap wrought-iron scrap, to prevent burning and running of the steel, then heating the same, and thereby effecting an intimate mixture of the wrought scrap and steel in the interior of the mass, as well as in the superficial portion, and finally hammering or rolling the mass.

APPARATUS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ILLUMINATING GAS.

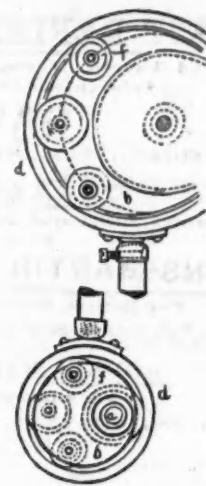
209,620.—To Myron H. Strong, Brooklyn, N. Y., assignor to Lemuel W. Serrell, trustee for said Strong, Sidney Cornell, Henry W. Person, and Walter E. Lawton.—Nov. 5, 1878.—Water gas is made by the decomposition of steam in contact with incandescent carbon and stored in a holder. From here part of the gas is conducted to a furnace and burned under jets, in which olefant gas is made from oil, and part of it is conducted in the eduction-pipe for the olefant gas, and the two gases are mixed, by a steam jet, in proper proportion to form an illuminating gas.

1. The combination, with the decomposing chamber for making non-luminous gas, of a holder for the same, a retort for making olefant gas, a supply tank for liquid hydro-

operating spindles of a permutation lock or locks.

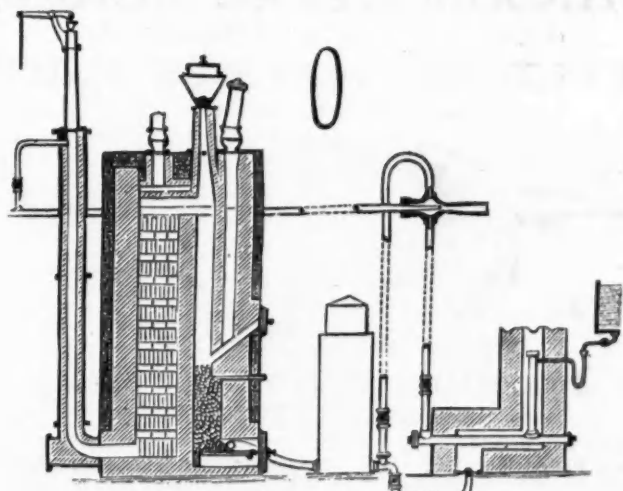
ANTI-FRICTION ECCENTRIC.

210,569.—To Mendel Scharfberg, Vienna,



Austria, assignor of one-third his right to Marcus Lowendahl, same place, and Max Gutman, Dresden, Saxony.—Dec. 17, 1878.—

1. The combination, with the eccentric-ring d, of the internal wheels or rollers, the ar-



carbon to the retort, a gas pipe and burner for heating such retort, and connecting pipes and a steam injector for mixing the gases.

2. The combination of a decomposing chamber for making non-luminous gas, a holder for storing gas, a retort for the production of olefant gas, an apparatus for supplying liquid hydrocarbon to retort, a burner or burners for heating retort by the combustion of non-luminous gas, and means for mixing the non-luminous gas and the olefant gas in the proper proportion for producing the illuminating gas.

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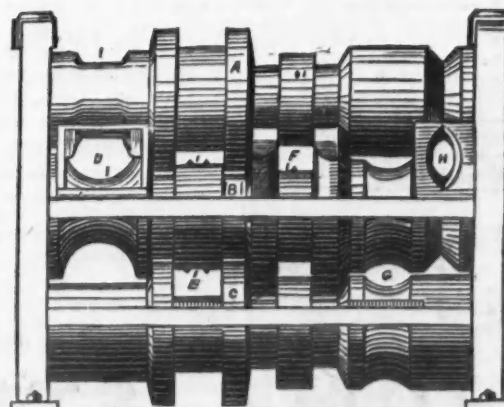
209,743.—To Burroughs P. Brunner, San Francisco, Cal.—Nov. 5, 1878.—The rolls A B C, provided with the passes D E F G H

bors or shafts of such rollers, and the side plates, b b.

2. The eccentric-ring f and internal rollers or wheels, the surfaces in contact being provided with ribs and grooves, in combination with the shaft a and the side plates, b, that support the arbors or shafts k.

A telegram from Brussels, Belgium, dated April 17, states that by an explosion of fire-damp in the Agrappe coal pit, near Mons, Belgium, the woodwork of the shaft caught fire and fell in. There are 240 men in the mine, and there appears to be scarcely a hope of rescuing any of them.

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and spurs I, in combination with the holding guides, J, having the irregularly-shaped interior.

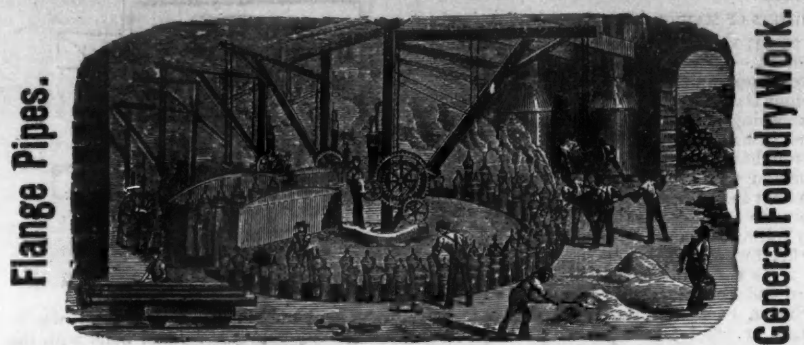
TIME LOCK.

210,070.—To Jacob Weimar, New York, N. Y., assignor to Herring & Co., same place.—Nov.—19, 1878.—4. The combina-

500 francs each. The definite organization was made March 27, 1879. The president is M. Poyser-Quartier, and the New York holders are represented by Mr. E. I. de Brugiere and Gen. Z. C. Deas. Seven lines will be established, and the cables will be made and laid by Siemens Brothers.

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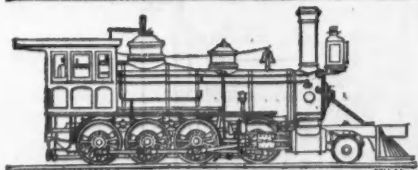
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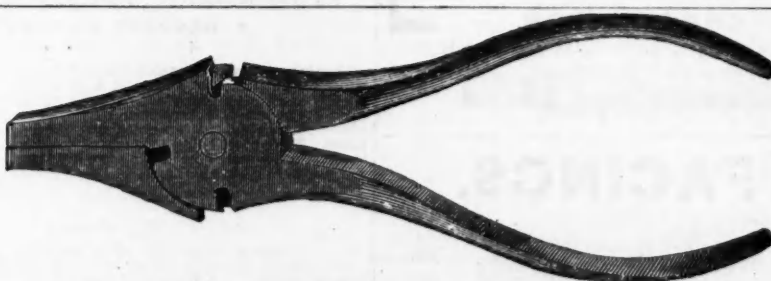
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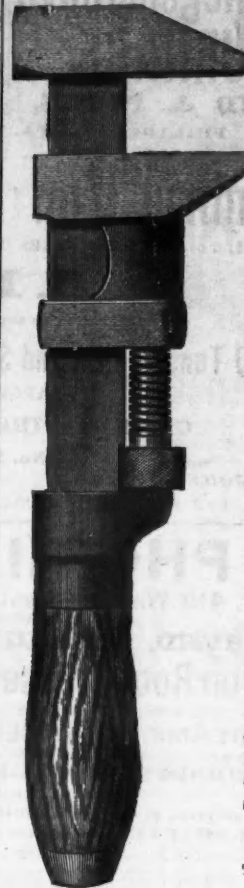
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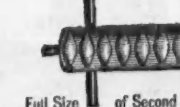
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Mr. E. von Tarto describes, in the *Annales für Gewerbe und Bauwesen*, a method of manufacturing wrought-iron wheels from one piece, which, he states, is employed in Belgium. The iron is first given the shape shown in Fig. 1, then that of Fig. 2, a hole being made, into which a rod is fitted. In this state the wheel is taken to a peculiar rolling mill, the main features of which are shown in Fig. 4. It consists of two conical rolls, each mounted on a separate shaft, which is rotated by means of conical gearing, and which is placed in such bearings that the conical rolls at their extremity can be approached by moving them, as indicated by the arrows. The wheel to be finished rests with its axle in two bearings, and it is then exposed to the action of the conical rolls, which compress the material so that its diameter increases. In order to make allowance for this, the position of the bearings of the wheel are adjustable. The circumference of the wheel is worked by a cylindrical roll. Fig. 4 shows the rolling mill as required for finishing the shape of wheel, having the section exhibited. If the usual shape (see Fig. 3) is required, the surface of the roll is turned accordingly. This method, it will be observed, is very

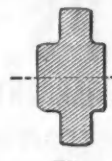


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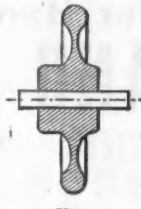


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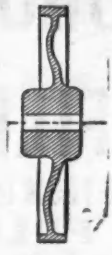


Fig. 3.

simple, but as yet it has been very difficult to produce wheels free from flaws, as they show imperfect parts which must be welded subsequently. Nevertheless, it is to be expected that by improvements this method will produce uniformly reliable results.

Chinese Labor for the South.

The project of introducing Chinese labor into the South, to work in the cotton, sugar and rice fields in place of the emigrating negro, is turning out to be something more than a momentary fancy. It has already taken a very practical business form. The planters of Madison parish, Louisiana, have placed themselves in communication with the Six Companies at San Francisco, with a view of ascertaining whether a supply of that kind of labor is attainable, and if so, on what terms. They likewise appointed a special agent to furnish the

planting with the solution of profound problems in government and legislation. The politicians will not be able either to use or abuse him; and it will be strange, indeed, if with his exemplary habits of industry he does not in the course of time effect a marvelous transformation in Southern industries, and one that may affect to a very important extent the commercial status of the leading Southern staples. As for the negro, who is thus surrendering his place to the Asiatic, it is hardly worth while to discuss the future that is in store for him in the higher latitudes to which he is flocking. He can never compete with the white labor which he will find occupying every field of enterprise wherever he goes, and where his position in the social scale, in all human probability, will never under any circumstances be much higher than it is already. In the Southern Atlantic States he seems to be free from the Kansas infection which has caught the field hands of Louisiana and Mississippi, and in so far as he is contented and prosperous; but how long he is to be exempt from the contagion which is producing such curious results in the lower Mississippi country, is a matter for the future to determine.—N. Y. Bulletin.

Railroads and Telegraphs in Japan.

The government of Japan seems to be particularly distinguishing itself in the extension of its telegraph system. There are now no less than 125 telegraph stations and 5000 miles of wire in operation, 1000 miles more in course of construction, and still further extensions are contemplated. The telegraph insulators made in a village called Imari, in the province of Hizen, are of such an excellent quality that orders for them have been sent from Europe. It is the first aim of the government to provide good highways in all parts of the empire before entering upon any general system of railroad building; but on the 26th of July, 1876, a line of railroad 48 miles in length was completed between Hiogo and Kioto, and now a line has been commenced between the latter place and Ostu, and is expected to be completed in three years, at a cost of about \$1,000,000. The railroad between Hiogo and Kioto is constructed of the best imported material, and passes through one of the richest and most beautiful agricultural districts in Japan. Seven trains leave and arrive at Hiogo daily, and the passenger and freight traffic are constantly increasing. The iron bridges of this road, one of which is 1300 feet in length, are a credit to the government and contractors.

The Madeira and Mamore Railway.

In the case of the English bondholders against the Madeira and Mamore Railway Company, a suit involving nearly \$4,000,000, which has been pending 18 months, the court in London has nonsuited the bondholders and ordered the payment of the contractors' certificates. The contractors, as is well known, are Messrs. P. & T. Collins, of Philadelphia. This decision removes the chief obstacle to the active prosecution of the work upon the railroad. The fund of \$3,700,000 thus released, together with the \$2,000,000 guaranteed by Brazil, is more than sufficient to pay the entire cost of the road under the present contract. As the line of the road is entirely in Brazil, and not in Bolivia, no concession of the latter country is required for the purpose of building the railroad. The contract for the building of the railroad, which is to run from a point just below the rapids of the Madeira River in Brazil to the point of navigation on the Mamore River, a branch of the Madeira, fixes the price of construction at \$29,500 per mile of road completed up to the full (estimated) length of 180 miles. Upon any length of road beyond this, only \$26,000 per mile is to be paid.

A New Salt Field.—From a communication to the *Mining Journal*, it appears that the Cleveland district of England, already the home of an enormous iron industry and the prospective center of steel manufacture, is about to add salt mining to the industries contributing to its prosperity. Borings have disclosed the fact that a large area of the district is underlain by a 100-foot deposit of rock salt, which is reached at Middlesbrough at a depth of about 1200 feet.



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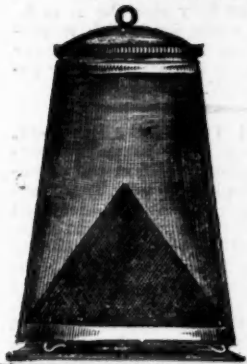


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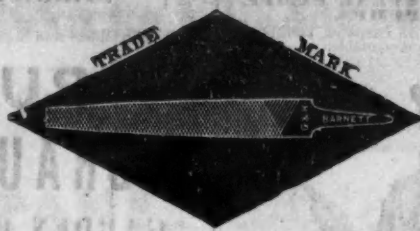
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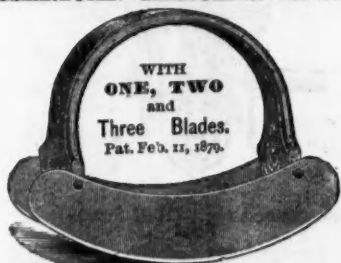
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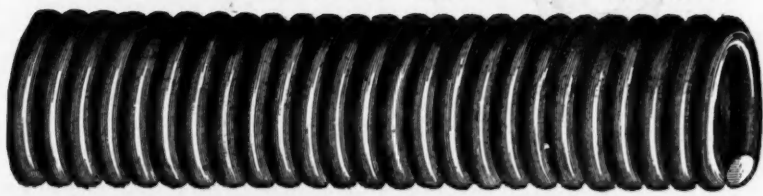
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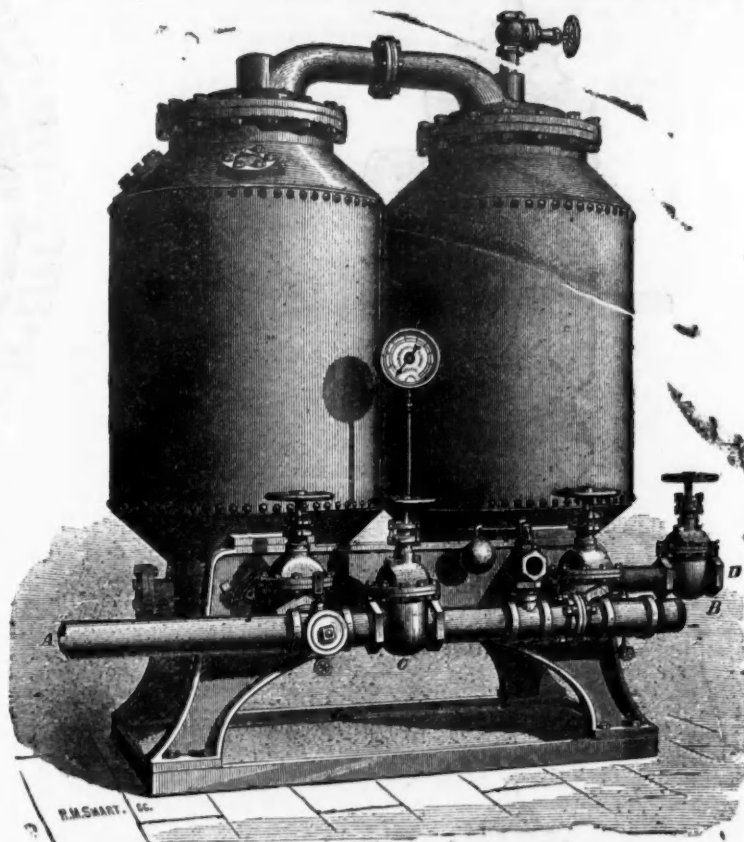
There is hardly any subject more important or interesting to steam and water users and to manufacturers generally, than that of the purification of water, whether upon a large or a small scale. Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, of 30 Cortlandt street, New York, have recently designed a new filter, which is intended for removing the impurities in water used for feeding boilers. The engraving represents a filter suitable for handling a large quantity of water, being of the size necessary for a 1000-horse-power boiler. This filter is arranged to combine, in a measure, the principle of washing out the filtering material and of throwing away those portions which cannot be readily cleaned by reversing the current of water. The filter consists of two cylindrical vessels, each filled with the filtering material, but of different degrees of fineness. In the first chamber coke is used, varying in fineness from the bottom toward the top, the water rising upward through it. At the top of this chamber there are some inches of animal charcoal, which is kept from rising by means of a layer of asbestos fiber and a grating. The water is, as we have seen, passed into the bottom of this vessel first and rises upward through the coke and animal charcoal. As would be expected, the greater portion of the impurities are deposited in the lower portion of the chamber. From the top of this chamber it passes by a pipe across to the top of the second cham-

ber for a 100-horse-power boiler. In some of the more turbid spring waters this would be 2000 pounds instead of 85. A moment's thought shows that such a quantity cannot be allowed to accumulate in the filter without rapidly destroying its action. We have seen specimens of very dirty water, far too impure for safe use in boilers, filtered by this apparatus, and the sediment removed to such an extent as to make them harmless, and in some instances almost suitable for drinking purposes. With very dirty water, if it is to be made perfectly colorless and left suitable for drinking, it is necessary to use a much larger apparatus than would be needed to render the same water fit for boiler feed.

The Protection Movement in France.

A correspondent of the Ironmonger, writing from Paris, says:

Great agitation prevails in manufacturing circles in France at the present moment over the question of commercial treaties and the revision of existing tariffs. Petition after petition is laid on the table of the Chamber of Deputies, and deputation follows deputation to lay the case—for or against—before the President. Hitherto the principal opponents of free trade had been the ironmasters, spinners, &c., in a few departments; but now their ranks are likely to be swelled by a strong contingent of agriculturists, especially from the Northern departments. The enormous importa-



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tion of American wheat, and its sale at prices far lower than obtain, or are likely to obtain, for the French staple, has fairly frightened the French growers, who are fully alive to the fact that, once the Yankee gets a footing anywhere, he is likely to keep it. Many other causes, however, tend to produce despondency in their minds. Agricultural laborers are gradually abandoning work in the fields to flock to the neighboring manufacturing towns, attracted by higher wages; then, again, landed property is heavily weighted with rates and taxes of every kind, the proportion being nearly 44 per cent. of the income, whereas manufacturers pay less than 20 per cent. to the state. The iron interest is directly interested in the matter, for a diminution of agricultural pursuits in France—wheat growing more particularly—means the gradual closing up of one of the best markets for English agricultural machinery and implements. The Chambers are at last discussing the laws concerning M. de Freycinet's long-talked-of scheme of public works, and some few bills for new railways have been passed. The Senate has voted that, pending a long-term commercial treaty with England, steel goods shall be admitted at the duties obtaining under the most-favored-nation clause, instead of those in force under the general tariff. The following are the rates on goods coming under the conventional tariff:

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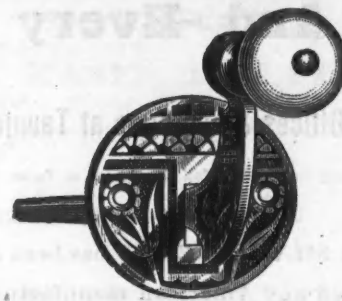
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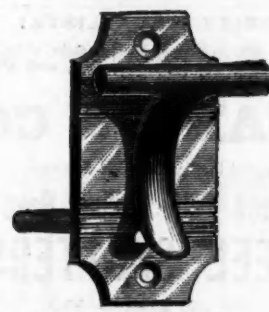
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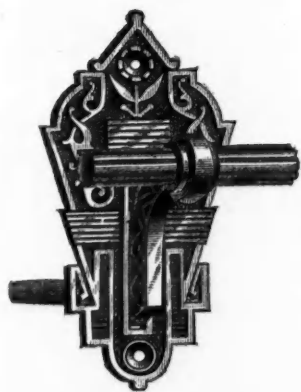
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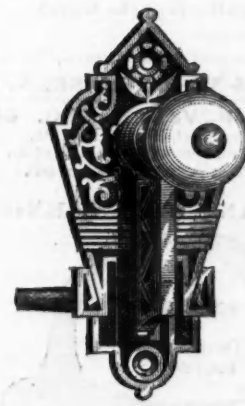
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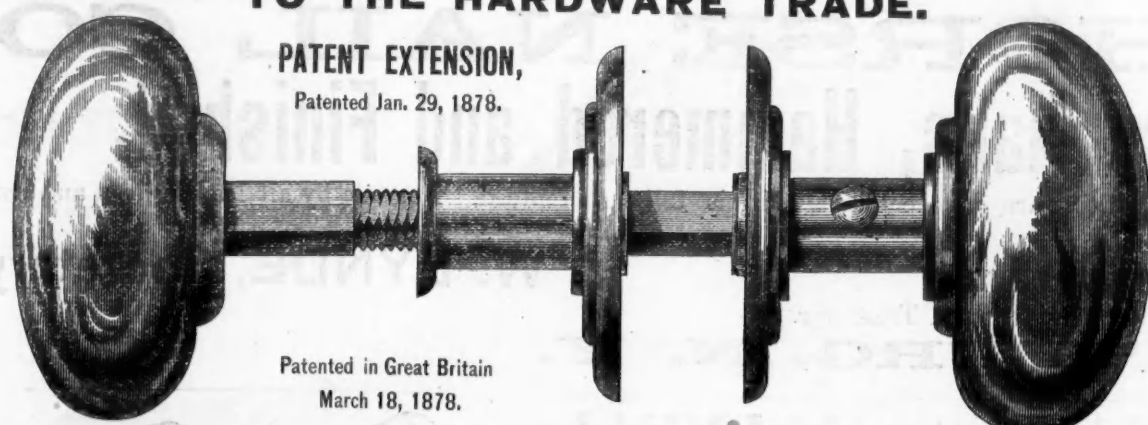
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The Transmission of Power.

Mr. Ewing Matheson has published in *Iron* a series of articles on the transmission of power, which are replete with practical data and suggestions of value to manufacturers and engineers. In comparing the respective advantages of the different means of transmitting power, the circumstances to which

force is to be utilized, and when communication is open between them, pressure from the falling accumulator is instantaneously conveyed to the machine, and so far as its own stored-up energy will allow, completes the desired operation. Hydraulic power in connection with the accumulator system is valuable in those cases where only great intermittent work is required from a machine, or where numerous small operations must be performed at irregular intervals. The additional convenience that the power can be conveyed long distances—for the accumulator and pumping engine may be situated a mile or more from the power-receiving machine—greatly increases the usefulness of the system.

The non-compressibility of water, by which many of the more important operations of hydraulic machines are rendered impossible, and which allows pressure applied to one end of a column of water or hydraulic rod, to be given out at the other and distant end with but little diminution, is a cause of inconvenience in some respects. Directly the pressure from the original source—gravity, force pumps or other—is withdrawn, the water is powerless, for it has no self-contained or elastic force of its own like steam or compressed air.

In theory, the pressure which may be conveyed by water would seem unlimited, but in practice the limit is reached at a point much below that at which metals would be actually compressed. Hydraulic machines in all cases require good material and workmanship, but where the pressure exceeds 6000 pounds to the inch, the liability to derangement of parts rapidly increases; and although by using specially-made machines higher pressures than 6000 pounds per inch may be attained, the risk of packing leathers



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regard must be had, and which will, indeed, determine the choice to be made, are various. First, there is the nature of the motive power, with which one system of transmission rather than another may accord; secondly, there is the distance to be traversed and the obstacles that intervene, which may render certain methods of transmission unsuitable or impossible; thirdly, the power may either have to be transmitted in the gross or distributed; and, fourthly, there is the nature of the machine or process to which the power is to be ultimately applied, and to which one system of transmission may lend itself more readily than another.

The transmission of power by steam is, in the great majority of cases, confined to the few feet distance between a boiler and the cylinder of a steam engine. It is, however, possible, with the assistance of proper application of non-conducting materials, to convey steam 2000 feet with a loss of only 5 pounds pressure. It is advisable to do so in those cases when small engines are required in situations where boilers would be inconvenient, or their presence would greatly increase the rate of fire insurance. The expediency of transmitting power by steam depends a good deal on the manner in which the power is to be utilized. If a rotary motion is desired, an engine will generally be more effectually worked by steam than by water, if a boiler be available within 2000 feet and there be no obstacles in the way of the steam pipes; for though water is often used for transmitting power long distances, it is, if applied to rotary engines, generally confined to those of small capacity. If, however, power is required for direct-acting machines, such as cranes, presses, punching machines or riveting machines, then water would compare more favorably with transmitting steam.

The modern tendency toward higher pressures of steam than formerly, allows more margin for a reduction in pressure during transit, but the unremunerative consumption of fuel which a reduction implies is none the less. There is always the inconvenience that the loss in transit reduces the dryness of the steam and increases the liability to priming. The superheating of steam by a second process after it leaves the boiler, is directed toward this evil and neutralizes some of the effects of long transit. The question of conveying steam long distances is simplified if, by care in the arrangements, it can be resolved into one merely of expenditure of fuel, against which can be set the conveniences which in any particular case are obtained.

Hydraulic pressure was for many years after Bramah's time confined to presses where great force was only required to be concentrated slowly; the process of pumping to accumulate the small units of force occupying too long a time for general purposes, unless steam engines and pumps of great magnitude were provided, the expense of which would outweigh the benefits sought. Armstrong's invention of the accumulator, however, overcame this difficulty and opened out a wide field for the application of power concentrated and transmitted by water. By the accumulator system the pumps, instead of forcing water directly into a press cylinder, are applied to the forcing up of a loaded plunger, which, in pressing upon the water pumped against it, acts as a substitute for an elevated reservoir. The pipe which connects the pump to the accumulator is connected also with the machine in which the

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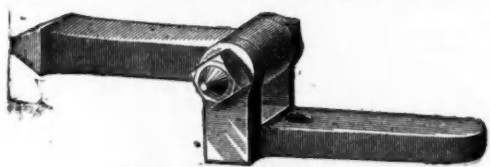
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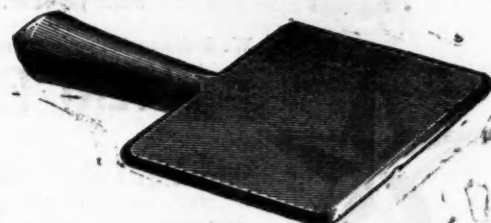


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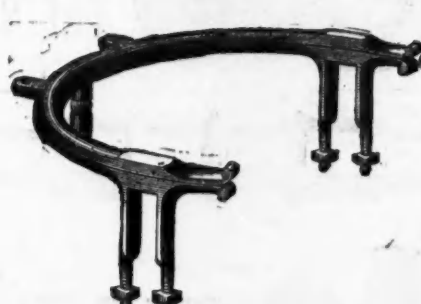
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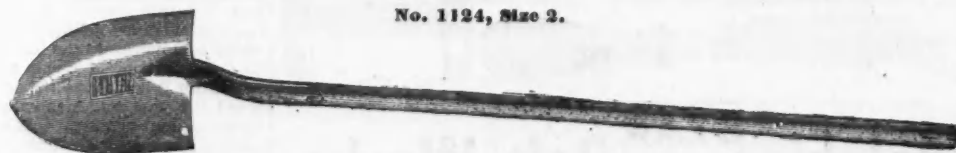
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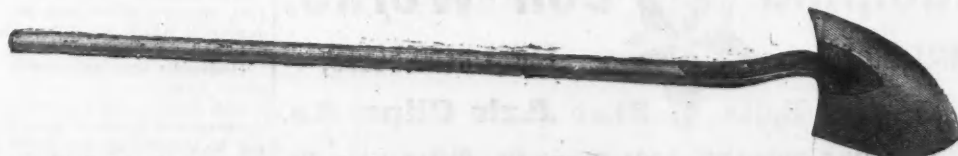
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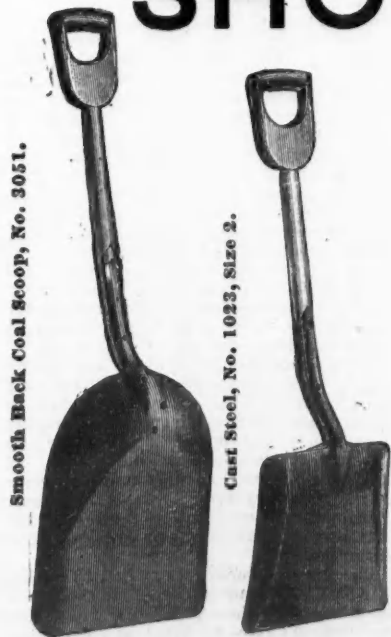
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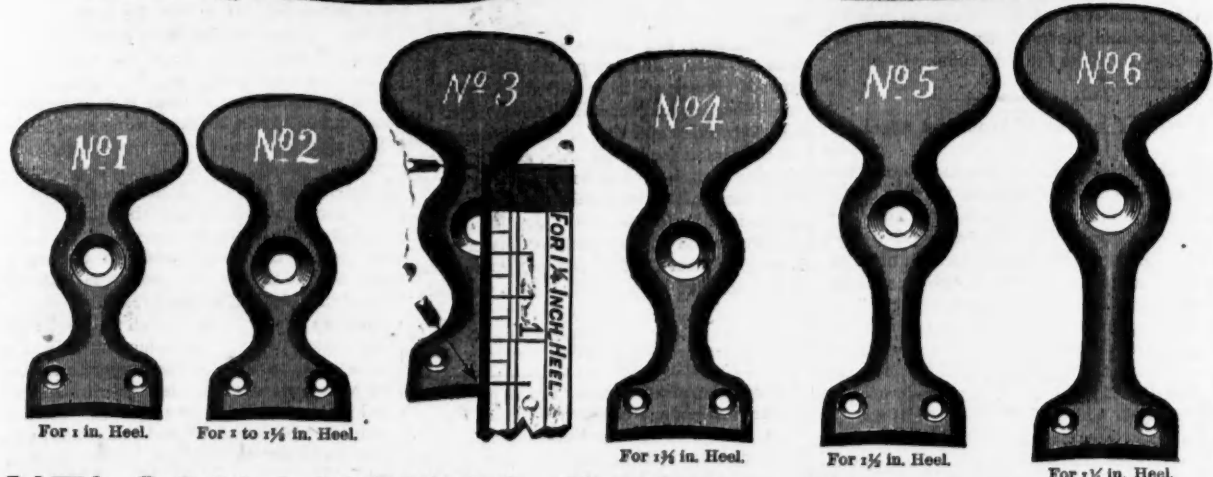
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cost of the rods with their supports, the intervening obstacles, such as the inequality of the ground to be traversed, the loss of power by friction, the right-of-way for the rods, and the proportion which these circumstances bear to the comparative expense and convenience of motive power placed nearer to the point where it is to operate. Such considerations have, in England, limited the transmission distance above ground to about 3000 feet, as just stated; but under more favorable circumstances much greater distances may be traversed. The rods are generally of wood, strapped with iron, and are supported on rollers or rocking-posts placed at intervals of about 50 feet. Iron rods are sometimes used where the work is light; but for transmitting considerable power stability against transverse and compressive strains is better obtained by the use of wood; and iron rods are seldom employed except for short distances, while wrought-iron tubes, combining much strength and stiffness with weight, are found most effective for transmitting the force which actuates signals and switches.

For distributing power to numerous machines, shafting is almost invariably employed, but for conveying gross power it is only expedient to use shafting for short distances. The engine or other motor is placed as near the point of distribution as possible, as the cost of the machinery and the friction in working increase rapidly with the distance of transmission. In England it is the general practice to take the power from the main shafts of large fixed engines, by toothed wheels, to one or more secondary shafts, from which the power is distributed by pulleys and belts to the various machines. Where the power has to be conveyed in numerous directions, or to many different workshops, the principal transmissions are either effected by toothed wheels or by belting, the former plan being the most frequent in England. But the use of toothed wheels greatly limits the speed of the shafts, and it is on the principle that quickly-running shafts are the most economical for transmitting a given power, that belting is preferred more often than formerly. Shafting which conveys power in the gross—that is to say, which transmits to one end the entire power it receives at the other—must be of uniform diameter; but the general use of shafting is to distribute power, and in such cases it is made to diminish in diameter with the distance from the motor as the power becomes less by that abstracted. For any but moderate distances it is expedient to place the steam engine or other motor in the middle of the line, and to take the shafts right and left from it, so as to diminish the length of each. In this way shafting is taken as far as 1000 feet in either direction from an engine; but although by careful arrangement and workmanship the friction can be minimized, the loss is considerable, and such long lines of shafting are only expedient when the necessities of distribution along the line are such as to justify a considerable expenditure of power in conveying it. Where there is but one or few machines, a separate motor close to the machine, or transmission by wire rope or water, would generally be preferable.

Belting finds its principal use in the distribution rather than the transmission of power. When, however, it is used for the latter purpose, it does not compare favorably with gearing for slow speeds, and when it is so used it is because of the supposed cheapness or simplicity allowed in the construction of the apparatus, or because of special difficulties in the way of gearing. Belting is not suited for transmitting exact speeds, for there is a liability to slip, which varies according to tension, temperature, tightness of the belt, smoothness of the pulleys and other circumstances. This liability to slip, however, makes it valuable in those cases when a sudden increase of work would endanger the safety of any of the parts of the machinery, breakage being avoided by slipping of the belt. The same relief is obtained in the starting of heavy machinery, the inertia of which is thus gradually overcome. The power which a belt can transmit is measured by its strength (depending on its sectional area and the quality of the leather) multiplied by the velocity. The ultimate breaking strain of leather belts varies, according to their kind, from 3000 to 5000 pounds per square inch of sectional area, but there are wide differences of quality. It is considered expedient to have a considerable margin of strength, and a working strain of from 300 to 350 pounds per square inch of sectional area is usually adopted, from 55 to 60 pounds tension on a belt 1 inch wide and 3-16ths thick being an example. From the gross tension given to the belt has to be deducted, to obtain the net result, a certain proportion which serves only to overcome friction on the pulleys, and though there are variations in friction arising from different causes, one-fourth is generally considered a fair allowance. As an approximate rule, a belt surface velocity of 55 square feet per minute may be taken as required for each horse-power transmitted; but as belts vary in thickness, such a rule may need qualification. Belts of double or treble thickness afford increased strength in proportion to their greater sectional area. In the United States, where belting is used for transmitting much greater power than is usual in England, main driving belts are made of all widths up to 36 inches, and 3000 to 4000 lineal feet per minute is considered a proper speed, this speed being obtained more by the use of large diameter pulleys than of high-speed shafting. The distance of pulleys does not, unless in exceptional cases, exceed 40 feet for main driving pulleys, or 25 feet between minor distributing pulleys. Belting ropes are sometimes substituted for belting when ever good leather is scarce or flat belts are inconvenient. It is claimed that there is less risk of stoppage, because ropes give earlier warning of deterioration, and, as a number are used to convey large power, the failure of one does not involve immediate stoppage. On the other hand, clutches must be used, instead of fast-and-loose pulleys, for starting the machinery.

A more recent mode of transmitting power is that by wire rope, which possesses the great advantages of strength and endurance, its breaking strain varying from 80,000 to 100,000 pounds per square inch of section. The exact strength and flexibility of a wire rope depend upon the temper of the wire and the manner in which it is twisted; and, as several varieties of wire rope are made, the manufacturer should be informed of the purpose for which the rope is required, the diameter and kind of pulleys, and the tension at which it is to be worked. An iron rope 1/2 inch diameter will bear from 3 to 4 tons tension, and an iron rope 1 inch diameter 15 to 17 tons before breaking; ropes of similar size made of steel wire being equal to double these strains. About one-sixth of the ultimate tension is considered a fair working strain. The amount of force or energy which a rope will transmit in a given time depends upon its tension multiplied by its velocity, the foot-pound units so ascertained corresponding to a certain horse-power. It is the application of this principle which forms the basis of the teledynamic cable system. Ropes of small diameter are utilized by running them quickly, the desired speed being obtained by making the transmitting pulleys on the motor shafts of large diameter. In practice, the pulleys are of all sizes to 15 feet, and cables of from 3/4-inch to 1-inch diameter, with speeds of from 3000 to 5000 feet per minute (about 30 to 50 miles per hour), transmit any required force up to 400 horse-power. The power is taken by the rope passing round a grooved pulley of large diameter on the motor shaft, and, like a belt, transmitting the force to another pulley at a distance. The shaft to which the force is thus transmitted has a second pulley upon it, from which another rope conveys the power onward to a shaft, and so on by a succession of stages for a mile or more. It has been calculated on the basis of experience already acquired, that 120 horse-power could be transmitted 12 miles with a loss of only 25 per cent. The separate spans vary from 300 to 500 feet, and may be greater. The great advantage of wire rope, which is generally used for transmitting power from turbines or water-wheels, is that power can be conveyed long distances, not only horizontally, but up and down steep grades.

Large Exports of Agricultural Implements.

Taking notice of the various articles making up the bulk of exports from New York from week to week, one cannot fail to observe that agricultural implements are an important item. Mowers and reapers, binders, plows, &c., are in favor the world over, China and the British Possessions in Africa not excepted. But France takes the lead, notwithstanding the heavy duties demanded by that government. Great Britain comes next, not so much to meet the demands of agriculture within her dominions as for distribution to the Continent and elsewhere. Germany, too, buys largely from the United States.

The exports of agricultural implements from New York since the beginning of the present year have been particularly heavy. But of late there are intimations that the markets at several points are being overstocked, some of the adventurers in this line finding that goods are left on their hands. The principal established houses, however, almost invariably sell their goods before they are shipped. It is believed that the export movement to France has been overdone. So, too, of New Zealand and parts of Australia. The trade with Chili has ceased altogether since the commencement of hostilities with Peru.

As will be observed from statistics given below, showing the weekly exports from New York for a month past, England receives agricultural implements on a large scale. But manufacturers remark that she turns out the same class of goods from her own shops. As a consequence, the margin of profit is cut down to the lowest figure, so that while the aggregate of business done is believed to be largely in excess of last year, the net results may not prove as satisfactory. We hear it stated that the English copy American machines as nearly as they can without infringement of patents, from which it follows that the closer they approximate the sharper the rivalry.

South America is spoken of as a good field for enterprise, Monte Video and ports in Brazil promising well. At the same time, it is evident that improved implements are not fully appreciated there. It will not do to merely send out the machines, without suitable men to demonstrate their utility. An exporter says: "If you should send out a treadmill and could get the people on it, it would be sure to go; but the South Americans, as a rule, don't want to labor or to save labor; they don't see the advantage of it."

The following shows the value of exports for a series of weeks:

Week ending.	April 1.	April 8.	April 15.	April 22.
Stettin.....	\$5,324	.....	.....	.....
Hamburg.....	6,759	8,169	1,482	7,011
Bremen.....	6,700	11,150	11,864	3,335
Antwerp.....	510	185	.....	5,656
Rotterdam.....	6,348	1,707	.....	.....
Bristol.....	.....	84	265	.....
London.....	14,039	7,827	6,676	8,398
Liverpool.....	9,657	16,750	15,795	15,534
Glasgow.....	.....	80	3,300	.....
Mexico.....	1,116	.....	.....	996
New Zealand.....	.....	4,944	.....	.....
Havre.....	32,589	8,799	33,366	30,748
British Austr'ia	11,816	.....	5,373	.....
Hull.....	798	.....	5,050	.....
Porto Rico.....	.....	.....	90	290
Chili.....	1,855	200	.....	.....
U. S. Colombia..	603	447	530	994
Cuba.....	275	1,016
Brazil.....	235	476	143
Hayti.....	222	524
Argentine Rep.	6,591	358

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The London *Engineer* does not like the
idea of an American export trade in loco-
motives. Commenting on recent Swiss
orders for American locomotive engines to
burn the Valais coal, that journal says:
"English people are wanting work, and yet
"for some reason, or want of it, our loco-
"motive builders allow a country nearly
"2000 miles further away from Switzerland
"than we are to supply locomotives to that
"country." This is not the first time that
English manufacturers have let business slip
away from them, under the mistaken notion
that those who want must needs come to
them. There was a time when such a thing
as foreign competition with English loco-
motive builders was unheard of and un-
thought of. But things have changed
within ten or twenty years, and so far from
"allowing" the United States to take busi-
ness which they are in need of, the English
locomotive builders cannot help it. Their

permission was not asked, we believe, and
the tone of the *Engineer* in commenting on
it is very much more like that of a quer-
ulous old woman, than like that of a live
newspaper commenting on the happenings of
the times. Trade which Great Britain can-
not hold, no longer belongs to her, and it is
rather because of a reason than for want of
one, that she is losing some part of the ad-
vantage she once had in her trade with other
nations.

Foreign Trade Statistics.

The returns of the Bureau of Statistics
for March, just received, show a continued
increase in imports and a decrease in ex-
ports—both of which are indications of
improvement in the condition of general
trade. The increase of imports shows that the
requirements of consumption are becoming
more varied, and that a larger demand ex-
ists for imported articles of luxury. The
diminished exports show that consumption
is gaining on production, and that we have
a less abundant surplus to spare after our
own wants are met. The merchandise im-
ports in March were valued at \$41,917,256,
against \$37,637,871 for March, 1878—show-
ing a gain of about \$4,300,000. The exports of
merchandise and produce during this period
were valued at \$66,116,219, against \$71,-
726,578 for March of last year—a decrease of
about \$5,600,000. As there has been a steady
gain in importations since the beginning of
the year, it may be assumed that it means a
larger consumptive demand for foreign man-
ufactures and products, and the probability
is that 1878 will be conspicuous in our na-
tional trade statistics as the year of smallest
importations and largest trade balance.
Coincident with the increase in imports was
the decline in exports, and the falling off in
three months since the beginning of the year
has been at the rate of \$60,000,000 per an-
num. The following is a summary of the
March returns:

IMPORTS IN MARCH.		1878.	1879.
Merchandise.....	\$41,917,256	\$37,637,871	1,284,504
Specie.....	1,284,504	2,127,087	
Total.....	\$43,201,760	\$39,764,958	
Increase.....	3,436,802		
EXPORTS IN MARCH.		1878.	1879.
Produce & merchise.....	\$66,116,219	\$71,726,578	2,994,444
Specie.....	2,994,444	2,994,444	
Total.....	\$69,110,663	\$74,721,022	
Decrease.....	5,008,188		

IMPORTS, NINE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31.		1878-9.	1879-8.
Merchandise.....	\$329,440,636	\$330,113,840	15,988,126
Specie.....	15,988,126	19,813,243	
Total.....	\$345,428,762	\$349,927,083	
Decrease.....	4,498,321		

EXPORTS, NINE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31.		1878-9.	1879-8.
Domestic produce.....	\$549,121,381	\$522,657,343	26,464,038
Foreign merchandise.....	9,490,444	10,571,198	
Total goods.....	\$558,611,825	\$533,228,541	
Specie.....	15,820,181	23,078,992	
Total.....	\$574,431,906	\$556,307,533	
Increase.....	18,096,873		

COMPARISON OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR NINE
MONTHS.
(Exclusive of Specie.)

Imports.....		1878-9.	1879-8.
Exports.....	\$329,440,636	\$330,113,840	533,228,541
Excess of exports.....	\$229,131,589	\$203,114,701	

Imports.....		1878-9.	1879-8.
Exports.....	\$345,428,762	\$349,927,083	574,431,906
Surplus of exports.....	\$229,096,644	\$203,274,450	

Imports.....		1878-9.	1879-8.
Exports.....	\$15,988,126	\$19,813,243	15,820,181
Excess of imports.....	\$161,945	\$3,599,749	

From this it will be seen that, notwith-
standing the reaction which has set in, the
balance in our favor in international trade
is still very large. While our credit balance
for the three months ended with March is
\$26,000,000 less than that for the same
period of last year, it reaches the very re-
spectable sum of \$114,694,000. For the nine
months of the fiscal year ended with March,
the credit balance in favor of the United
States in the merchandise movement is
\$203,114,701, against \$229,131,589 for the
corresponding nine months of the preced-
ing fiscal year. When we remember that an
enormous excess of exports over imports
during the past three years was due to ab-
normal conditions, and that it was possible
only because the general depression caused
the most stringent economy of domestic con-
sumption, we have no reason to regret the
fact that statistics show a tendency in our
merchandise exchanges with other countries
to approximate an equalization of imports
and exports. We are not in sympathy with
those who believe that national prosperity
would be best promoted if our exports were
enormously increased, and our imports
limited to the specie received in payment
for what we sent out. The economy and
national self-denial which rendered possible
the sudden and complete reversal of the
course of our foreign trade, may have been
a good thing in its resulting efforts, and
necessary as a condition precedent to
recovery from depression. It was not,
however, any more desirable in itself
considered than any other form of self-
denial. We needed fewer imports, chiefly
because our people were poor. We had so
great a surplus of food products and useful
commodities for export, chiefly because our
own people could not retain them for home
consumption, and not because we produced
in such an enormous excess of our real needs
as the statistics of the export movement
would seem to show. We have had our
years of fasting after our years of feasting,
and no doubt we are the better for it; but

our increasing ability to consume both
domestic and foreign products, is much more
an evidence of returning prosperity than
would be a continued gain in exports and
a further shrinkage in imports. The abun-
dant which is the end and aim of human
effort, is not abundance of specie, which
cannot be eaten, nor worn nor enjoyed save
as a material in the arts, but an abundance
of comforts—of food, clothing and other
useful commodities which satisfy the needs
or gratify the desires of mankind. Were
our country drained of such useful com-
modities by a heavy export movement, and
nothing came in save specie or securities,
we should soon need more comforts and
enjoyments than remained to us, and our
coin accumulations, if we could not exchange
gold for useful commodities, would quickly
become a burden.

Under the operations of a tariff which
encourages the development of our varied
productive resources, without placing an
unwholesome restraint upon the natural
course of foreign trade, we can watch the
fluctuations of our trade balance
without anxiety. Experience has shown
that such a tariff as that now in operation
does not restrict importations when the re-
quirements of consumption demand them,
nor does it impose burdens which consumers
find oppressive. The fact that our exports
exceed our imports by nearly \$300,000,000
per annum, shows that it does not operate to
the disadvantage of the consumers of domes-
tic products, since we could not export un-
less our products were cheap enough to com-
pete with like products of other countries, or
with products which, if not like our own,
could be substituted for them if enough
cheaper to make such substitution an econ-
omy. In these respects protection has
realized for the American people all the
practical benefits ever claimed for it, and it
is much to be regretted that each succeeding
Congress may be expected to try its "prentice
hand at the work of remodeling it. That it
is susceptible of improvement in many
respects we do not doubt, but the gentlemen
of the Ways and Means Committee are not
content with suggesting improvements in
the existing tariff. Hence we may expect
an annual agitation, disturbing business
and unsettling confidence—ending in a burst
of popular indignation which causes the
politicians to suddenly lose interest in the
matter. Knowing, as we do, that these
annual attempts to remodel the tariff are
prompted by unworthy motives, and have for
their object merely the gratification of the
personal vanity of certain ambitious "states-
men" who have no other means of attract-
ing public attention to themselves, it is not
to be wondered at that business men lose
patience, and perhaps, something of their
former faith in the benefits of popular
government.

Our Imports of Iron and Steel.

Only a few years ago enormous quantities
of iron and steel were sold to the United
States by foreign manufacturers. The share
of the American iron trade enjoyed by our
transatlantic competitors was then not only
large, but very lucrative, including, as it did,
the supply of the most desirable grades of
pig iron, the best qualities of bar iron, the
finest plates and sheets, and the most expen-
sive steel, to which were added immense
quantities of rails, which were made as cheap
as possible and sold at the highest rates to
American purchasers. Prices were regulated
by Glasgow, Liverpool and Sheffield quotat-
ions, and American manufacturers were
obliged to study the condition of English
iron markets, in order to acquire a proper
knowledge of the elements governing the
American iron trade. The statements of im-
ports and exports, made periodically by the
United States Bureau of Statistics, had in
those days an importance which can with
difficulty be realized now. The American
ironmaster was often compelled to gauge his
hopes of a living business by the volume of
imports, a knowledge of which he could only
clearly gain from the statistical reports. His
neighbors' rivalry seemed of little conse-
quence when the huge quantities of iron
purchased abroad were anxiously contem-
plated.

This condition of affairs continued with
variations only in the line of increasing im-
ports until 1872, when sales of foreign iron
and steel manufactures to this country
reached their maximum. A sharp decline
in imports followed, which was brought about
by various causes, and the decline has not
yet been arrested, but bids fair to continue
until the American iron trade is controlled
entirely by American manufacturers. Prices
here are no longer regulated by Glasgow,
Liverpool and Sheffield; New York, Phila-
delphia and Pittsburgh fix the ruling rates
at which iron and steel are sold in
the United States, regardless of the con-
dition of the English or Scotch or Welsh
iron trade. The American manufacturers
have become numerous and aggressive. So
numerous are they that, after overcoming
foreign competition in our markets, they are
now actively engaged in a bitter contest
with one another. They are so absorbed in
struggling for a share of the home trade
that they devote but little attention to the
statistics of foreign sales to this country,
save when a phenomenal occurrence like
the Vanderbilt steel rail purchase admonishes
them that English iron and steel makers still
exist.

A retrospect of our imports of iron and
steel for a few years may prove interesting

at this time, especially as the report of im-
ports and exports for the calendar year 1878
has been issued but a few weeks, and all our
readers may not have had an opportunity to
compare it with the reports for previous
years. Without dwelling upon the causes of
the shrinkage in our imports, it is our pur-
pose to show the striking features of this
remarkable revulsion in a long-established
trade. The following table exhibits a com-
parison of the total values of our iron and
steel imports in the past seven calendar
years:

1872.....	\$61,724,227	1876.....	\$10,584,126
1873.....	45,764,670	1877.....	9,195,368
1874.....	24,578,638	1878.....	8,943,043
1875.....	15,464,131		

All the above are gold values. The de-
cline in the total value of the iron and steel
imports from 1872 to 1878 was \$52,781,184,
or over 85 per cent. The heaviest drop in
any one year occurred in 1874, when the
imports were \$21,186,032 less than in 1873,
which was a decrease of 46 per cent. The
decline in 1878 on the imports of 1877 was
only \$252,325; but even this comparatively
small sum is 3 per cent. of the value of the
iron and steel imports of the preceding
year.

The heaviest decrease among the iron and
steel manufactures bought abroad is in the
imports of rails, both iron and steel. The
following table gives the course of the rail
imports from 1872 to 1878, in tons of 2000
pounds:

Iron rails.		Steel rails.	
1872.....	381,064	149,786	
1873.....	99,201	559,571	
1874.....	7,706	100,486	
1875.....	1,949	15,216	
1876.....	287	None.	
1877.....	None.	35	
1878.....	None.	10	

For the past three years American rail
makers have not suffered from foreign com-
petition, whatever the future may have in
store for them. The percentage of decrease
in the importations is a calculation easily
performed, reaching 100 per cent. in the
case of iron rails, and practically the same
for steel rails.

The importations of foreign pig iron have
not shrunk so much as those of rails. This
is simply because the Custom House records
do not separate spiegeleisen from ordinary
pig iron. Hardly one-fifth of our pig iron
imports is ordinary foundry or mill pig iron.
The following table, in tons of 2000 pounds,
though it includes spiegeleisen, indicates
very forcibly that our importations of pig
iron have fallen off very considerably:

1872.....	295,977	1876.....	83,072
1873.....	154,708	1877.....	66,871
1874.....	51,165	1878.....	74,484
1875.....	66,457		

Our purchases of foreign bar iron have di-
minished in common with those of other
kinds of iron, but not to such a great ex-
tent, as a considerable quantity is still im-
ported. Some of it is Swedish iron for
crucible steel, and some is Norway iron for
rail rods, bolts and rivets, but it cannot all
be accounted for in this way, and it is quite
possible that there may be included with bar
iron other rolled iron, which is only classed
as bar iron merely because there is no other
division in the government reports in which
it can be placed. The importations under
this head have been as follows, in net tons:

1872.....	89,376	1876.....	26,652
1873.....	62,253	1877.....	30,478
1874.....	26,876	1878.....	33,346
1875.....	24,591		

From the above figures the importations
of bar iron have apparently increased since
1875, though it is true that in 1878 only 27
per cent. as much bar iron was imported as
in 1872. Boiler plate, sheet iron and hoop
iron may be grouped together to show the
decline that has taken place in their imports,
as follows, in net tons:

Boiler.		Sheet.		Hoop.	
1872.....	684	10,149	12,379		
1873.....	464	10,713	8,245		
1874.....	53	6,736	1,485		
1875.....	40	3,016	298		
1876.....	15	1,758	144		
1877.....	2	1,183	171		
1878.....	1	838	7		

It will be seen that the sellers of foreign
sheet iron have clung to their declining
trade with great tenacity, the above figures
for recent years perhaps indicating the pre-
cise quantity of Russia sheet iron imported,
but the boiler-plate and hoop-iron importers
were overpowered soon after 1873 by domes-
tic competition.

A part of the import trade which was once
of fair proportions is the scrap-iron trade.
Vessels formerly came to the United States
from all parts of the civilized world,
freighted with all kinds of waste material to
be worked over in our foundries and roll-
ing mills. Pig iron was dear, domestic scrap
iron was in limited supply, the demand for
manufactured iron was brisk, and foreign
scrap iron was correspondingly valuable as
a convenient raw material. Steel
rails were not then being laid in such
immense quantities as now, and the stock
of old iron rails was very small. The follow-
ing table shows, in net tons, how the
importations of old iron fell when the
prices of manufactured iron receded:

1872.....	278,257	1876.....	14,149
1873.....	108,838	1877.....	10,903
1874.....	40,740	1878.....	6,225
1875.....	25,856		

The imports of cast steel have fallen in
quantity and value as our domestic manu-
facture of steel has grown, but they are
still respectably large. The following table
will convey an impression of the course of
the import trade in cast steel in the past
seven years:

1872.....	\$4,106,067	1876.....	\$1,508,851
1873.....	3,865,310	1877.....	1,249,844
1874.....	2,678,611	1878.....	1,136,744
1875.....	2,152,393		

We will not extend this inquiry into the
miscellaneous manufactures of iron and
steel which are included in the total imports
given in the first table. The details which
have been set forth are sufficient to indicate
the general drift of our importations of iron
and steel. They show a wonderful and
highly gratifying change in the course of
the trade, but they also show that something
yet remains to be done before the American
ironmaster can claim the whole of his own
home trade.

Steel from Cleveland Pig Iron.

Our English friends seem to be working
themselves into a great state of excitement
over the more or less successful attempts to
convert Cleveland pig iron into steel at the
works of Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co.
It furnishes a fruitful topic for newspaper
discussion, which we have followed closely,
but thus far we have not had the pleasure
of reading any account of the experiments
which satisfies us of the practicability of
such conversion, when cost and value of pro-
duct are taken into account. That the con-
version has been successfully accomplished,
we have no doubt. Steel made from Cleve-
land pig iron was exhibited recently at Mid-
dleboro', and pronounced equal to metal
made from a high grade of Bessemer pig.
Concerning the cost, we are told that the
saving in the value of material attending
the use of Cleveland pig is so great as to
leave a wide margin for profit. We hope
this is true, as we have a great abundance
of ores in this country, not hitherto available
in the production of Bessemer iron, which,
if everything is as represented, will acquire
a new value. But so far as published,
the literature of the lime process contains
nothing from which we can determine how
the basic linings will stand the test of regu-
lar work. The first paper on the process
was published in *The Iron Age* of October
24th, 1878. This claimed promising re-
sults, and subsequent experiments show its
efficiency in the elimination of phosphorus
so clearly as to leave no room for doubt on
that point. But the point of real interest to
metallurgists, and one on which we have as
yet no information, is how the linings stand.
Mr. E. Windsor Richards, manager of
Bolckow, Vaughan & Co.'s works, has
stated with much satisfaction that Cleveland
pig holding 1.5 per cent. phosphorus, has
yielded in conversion steel containing only
0.02 per cent.—a result equal to that ob-
tained in converting iron made from the
best native or imported ores. But neither
he nor any gentleman connected with the
works has yet, so far as we know, made
any statements as to the durability of the
lining. It may be that their limited experi-
ence will not yet justify any specific state-
ments on this point, but it is the one of
chief importance, and until it is settled the
acceptance of this latest improvement in the
Bessemer process as an assured success,
would be premature. No doubt the eminent
metallurgists of the Iron and Steel Institute
will thoroughly investigate this part of the
subject, and we are quite content to leave
the inquiry in their hands. In the mean-
time we will not be accused of lacking in-
terest in metallurgical progress if we do not
throw up our hats and hurrah for steel from
pig containing 1.5 phosphorus. We are
quite ready to do so at the proper time

The truth regarding steel appears to be about this: There are a few English steel manufacturers who make a very good quality of steel—as good as can be made in the present state of the art. There are a few American manufacturers who make just as good steel as these few English. The very best steel of both can be spoiled by carelessness or ignorance—the American just as easily as the English, and no easier. Then there is other English steel that is just as poor as poor American. When a manufacturer, be he English or American, buys good steel, either English or American, and works it with care and intelligence, he will get good results. If he uses it carelessly, he will get bad results; but when poor steel is bought, whether English or American, the result will never be satisfactory.

The Marquis de Lorne has taken pains to reassure the home government on the probable effect of the Canadian tariff on the trade of that colony with Great Britain. It is claimed that if the tariff should materially alter the volume of trade, it must be in the direction of an increase, and it is somewhat hastily added that, in several branches, this result will certainly follow. How far this rather indefinite statement will prove satisfactory to our English friends, remains to be seen. Perhaps it may be a consolation to them to learn that the measure is justified on the ground "that the action of the 'United States is invariably hostile to 'Canada on all matters relating to tariffs, and that the manufacturers in the United States can disorganize and destroy any 'special Canadian industry by combining 'to flood the Canadian market with a similar product sold below the actual value." It does not seem, however, that all Canadians have reason to be well pleased with what has been done for them. For instance, we learn that the Canadian Southern Railroad paid over \$1000 duty on coal consumed on the west end of the line during the first three weeks after the duty of 50 cents per ton was imposed.

New Publications.

THE JOURNAL OF THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.
1878. No. 2.

We are in receipt of the second part of the volume for 1878 of the transactions of the Iron and Steel Institute, whose proceedings are deservedly those most carefully watched by metallurgists of all countries. The volume before us contains the proceedings of the Paris meeting, the main features of which were presented to the readers of *The Iron Age* immediately after the meeting. They comprise the paper read by Prof. Jordan on the iron resources of France, followed by an interesting discussion, participated in by Messrs. Bell, Riley, Richards, Jordan, Frémy and others, on the effect and economy of various coking ovens for the production of coke for blast-furnace use. Three papers on steel—one by Prof. Akerman, of Sweden, one by Mr. D. Adamson and one by M. Ernest Marché—were read in succession, the discussion taking place on all of them after their reading. The two latter are of lasting value, comparing favorably with anything yet brought forward by the Institute. The discussion turned on the comparative merits of the Bessemer and open-hearth steels, upon the use of mild steel for shipbuilding and boilers, upon the corrosion of iron and steel, and the effect of manganese upon steel. The part containing the papers read at Paris closes with that of Mr. J. Sylvain Perissé on the Ponsard furnace. In the light of recent developments, it would seem that the most valuable and far-reaching communication presented to the Institute was that by Messrs. Thomas & Gilchrist, on their process for diminishing phosphorus, and it will be a source of regret to many that it was not read, and could not, therefore, appear in the transactions. There are a number of appendices, one of which would seem out of place to all but a speech-loving Englishman, who would grieve to be without a full account of after-dinner talks. More interesting are the accounts of the excursions to Terre Noire, St. Chamond, Creusot and Hayange.

Eighty pages of the transactions are devoted to "Notes on the Iron and Steel Industries of the United Kingdom in 1878," and are a most remarkable jumble of important statistics, notices of minor technical improvements, industrial items which display a want of system, of discrimination, and we regret to say, a lack of knowledge which is striking. Ostensibly the whole is divided into: I. "Industrial Review." II. "Technological Notes," "Mining Notabilia," "New Inventions and Appliances," "Miscellaneous" and "Obituary." As an instance we will take the "Cleveland District," the first under the "Industrial Review." In this department the general secretary very properly places the production of the Cleveland iron mines and the output of its blast furnaces. Between the latter and a statistical account of the finished iron trade, we suddenly strike a description of Robert's apparatus to show automatically the height of the charge in the blast furnace. Then we have a number of short industrial items, giving meetings of prominent establishments, which, perhaps, if they were more numerous, might prove of value. On page 542 we are informed by the "Industrial Review" that a compressed air locomotive for mines is at work at the Penser Colliery. We turn to "Mining Notabilia" to see what can be possibly left for that department, and find "Determination of Sulphur in Coke." Mr. John Jones, of 10 St. Paul's Road, Middleborough, we are told, has solved the fearful problem of cleansing and purifying pig. This fortunate gentleman has passed pig through his process and is able to show the following brilliant analysis as the fruit of his labors: Iron, 92.14 per cent.; graphite carbon, 3.92; combined, none; manganese, 0.76; silicon, 1.73; sulphur, 0.2; phosphorus, 1.43 per cent. We ask in astonishment what has the general

secretary been doing during the long and animated debates on the phosphorus question! On the same page, 543, we find him quoting Mr. Bell as follows: "The silica was almost entirely carried off as SiO₂." These examples may suffice, and it will only remain necessary for us to assure our readers that the general secretary or his aide-camp has not succeeded in crowding all his errors of judgment and of fact into this one first chapter. We would suggest to the editor of these British "Notes" to study carefully the transactions of other societies, and would beg him to devote to their editing and proof-reading that conscientious labor for which, for instance, the "Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers," edited by Dr. T. M. Drown, or the "Minutes of Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers," edited by Mr. James Forrest, are so remarkable. This would eliminate all errors from the transactions proper. As for such a department as the "Notes," members should continue to rely upon the enterprise and vigilance of technical journals, whose conductors are far better able to follow and judge current progress than a secretary of a scientific body, whose summary, printed slowly and at long intervals, cannot help being far behind the times. In this respect English journalism is well represented, and deserves encouragement and support at the hands of such a body as the Iron and Steel Institute.

BETRIEBSEINRICHTUNGEN AUF AMERIKANISCHEN EISENBAHNEN, Bahnanlagen und Signale (Stations and Signals). By H. Bartels, Berlin.

Although it may be said that the books of the Centennial Exhibition have been closed for some time, the balances (which proved to be very satisfactory ones) have been drawn and the subject dismissed, there come to us from time to time fresh evidences of the good the exhibition has done, not only to us, but to others. The representatives of foreign nations have returned to their homes highly impressed with what they have seen, and eager to urge the acceptance of what seemed to them worthy of adoption or adaptation. This has been notably the case with the German commissioners, whose able reports, notably those of Reuleaux, Wedding and others, have done much to place American industry and enterprise in the proper light. The work before us is the outgrowth of the same purpose of examining critically what is being done in this country, with a view to adopt desirable features of our railroad practice, modified in accordance with the altered conditions. Mr. Bartels treats in this first volume of his report, published at the request and under the auspices of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Public Works of Prussia, of stations and signals only. Much of the work is necessarily descriptive, and does not, of course, possess the interest of novelty for American engineers, and yet the book will bear close reading, as every page contains comments and criticism which will all the more command attention, as they are pronounced by one evidently able to appreciate the peculiar conditions under which our railroads were built, and willing to judge our methods from the standpoint thus gained. How great are the difficulties attending an effort to enter into the spirit of our railway and transportation service, will be readily understood by those who have watched Continental methods, often as inexplicable to Americans as our apparently reckless ways are to many Europeans. A flattering tribute is paid by Mr. Bartels to American engineers, who, he says, know how to deal with the most difficult and most important problem, that of adapting themselves to the requirements of every special case with much genius and originality, and often in a grand manner. Mr. Bartels' work has, in printing and illustrations, all the well-known merits of a German government publication, and is remarkably free from typographical errors, which our difficult geographical names make so easily possible.

Demand of Payment.—The Supreme Court of Missouri, in the case of *Pier vs. Heinrichshoffen*, recently decided a rather curious case involving the question of due diligence in making demand for payment. The holder of a note payable in a distant city, sent it by mail for collection to a bank in that city in ample time to reach its destination by ordinary course of mail before maturity. When the letter containing the note reached the city the bank had made an assignment, and the address of the sender being printed on the envelope, the postmaster at once returned it with the endorsement, "bank failed." The holder on the day of its reception again mailed it to another agent, who caused it to be presented and protested for non-payment on the day it was received, but several days after maturity. Held that the holder had used due diligence in making demand of payment, and that he was not required to make provision for a possible but unanticipated suspension of the bank before the arrival of the letter, nor for the unauthorized interference with the same by the public officer in charge of the mails.

Railway Mortality in Great Britain.—The number of persons killed and injured in the United Kingdom in the course of public traffic, during the 12 months ending the 31st of December, 1878, as reported to the Board of Trade, were as follows: Passengers—From accidents to trains, rolling stock, permanent way, &c., killed, 24; injured, 1173; by accidents from other causes, 101 and 579. Servants of companies or contractors—From accidents to trains, rolling stock, permanent way, &c., killed, 15; injured, 156; by accidents from other causes, 529 and 1847. Persons passing over railways at level crossings, 48 and 22; trespassers (including suicides), 298 and 147; other persons not coming in above classification, 38 and 83. Total, 1053 and 4007.

The Langlois Iron Company (Messrs. Adie), after fully testing their new blast furnace—the largest one in Scotland—on the close-top principle, have accepted contracts for the erection of another on the same principle and of the same size, which will add very materially to the extent of their daily casting power when it is in full operation.

The Pintsch Lighting System.

In *The Iron Age* of Feb. 13 we printed a communication on Pintsch's Lighting System, in which the most important data in regard to this invention were given. We learn that a company has now been formed, composed of responsible and well known capitalists, to manufacture gas by the Pintsch process. Mr. Ernst Schoenrock, who has been in this country for some time introducing the process, leaves on Saturday to bring over a complete plant, which it is proposed to set up in Jersey City, N. J. As the extensive use of the process in Germany, England and Russia for a series of years gives it a recognized standing, and as circumstances are in this country even more favorable to its development than in Europe, additional information, for which we are partly indebted to *Engineering*, may prove of general interest.

The manufacture of the gas is not in itself novel, consisting, as it does, chiefly in the distillation of oil or any fatty refuse in a shaped retort, 10 inches deep. The vapors are conducted through a second retort placed below the first, in which they are subjected to a heat sufficient to decompose them into gases which are permanent even at a considerable pressure. The gas is then passed through condensers in order to deprive it of tarry constituents, and through a washer, two purifiers and a meter. From the latter it is conveyed to a gas holder, where it is temporarily stored. For permanent storage the gas is withdrawn from the gas holder and compressed by a compressor, first to about four and then to about ten atmospheres, in which state the gas is delivered into holders measuring 250 cubic feet, and therefore capable of holding 2500 cubic feet of gas in a compressed state. From these holders the gas is filled into smaller reservoirs (at a somewhat lower pressure), which, being portable, may be taken easily to where the gas is to be burned. For lighting railway cars, for instance, they are permanently attached to the lower part of the car, while for buoys, mines, &c., the mode of use will easily suggest itself. The main feature of Mr. Pintsch's invention is the regulator, by which a uniform pressure is maintained at the burners. It consists of a cast-iron vessel, conical in shape, the upper part of which is closed by a gas-proof membrane. To the center of the latter is fastened a rod with a joint, which is placed in connection with a special valve. The gas passes from the receiver into the regulator, until the tension of the membrane is sufficient to actuate the valve by means of the rod, thus cutting off the supply of gas automatically. The efficiency of the apparatus has been proved by seven years' experience on German railroads, and has been adopted by the Great Eastern Railway and the London Metropolitan road in England. It has so well satisfied the naval authorities in England in regard to its value for lighting channels, that they have ordered buoys of a size capable of supplying a light burning for four to six months. For railway carriages an arrangement is provided by which all the lights can be simultaneously turned down to a faint glimmer and turned up again, which is very useful for trains passing through tunnels. We learn that a 1-foot burner will give a 15-candle power light. As an instance of the permanent character of the gas and its non-liability to condensation, *Engineering* mentions that the receivers of the saloon carriage of the Prince of Wales on the Great Eastern Railway were filled with gas in April last year, and the carriage was used four or five times between that month and August without the receivers being refilled in the interim.

What is the Best Oven for Coking Coal for Furnace Use?

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From the facts hitherto submitted it has been definitely settled that certain qualities of coal are the prime elements in the production of good furnace coke. The methods of coking are secondary. If the coal is unfit for making good coke, either from impurities or lack of bituminous matter, no treatment in its coking can correct these normal defects. But, other conditions being equal, the mode of coking exerts a decided influence on the physical structure of the coke, adding to or taking from its calorific value as a furnace fuel. It is remarkable, however, that the most desirable coking coals inherit in their normal composition the elements which give their cokes, under right oven treatment, the best physical structure for maximum calorific energy and economy in blast furnace use.

That there is a very wide range of differences in the calorific value of coals, in their application to special purposes, has been fully demonstrated. Rich bituminous coals that would give satisfactory results in generating steam, would be worthless in a blast furnace. Hence, a careful study of each variety of coal has been made, in order that it may be applied in such a manner and to such uses as will insure the greatest efficiency and economy. In this intelligent application of particular varieties of coals to special purposes, great care has also been taken in the examination of their chemical constituents, physical structure and calorific values. While this triple attention has been given to coals and their right application clearly made out, coke has been regarded simply in two aspects—its hardness and purity.

If it was "dense" with a "silvery luster" and "sonorous," it was received without further scrutiny, and no distinction made between cokes approximating these standard requirements. Coke was coke. And what difference should it make in furnace work if one coke differed in physical structure from another, when both inherited nearly equal volumes of carbon, ash and sulphur! But results obtained from furnace work clearly showed the existence of wide differences in their calorific values—differences so marked as to make questionable the value of certain qualities of coke for furnace work.

* From Report G., Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania.
† See Report L., Sec. Gen. Survey of Pennsylvania.

Take, for instance, the analyses of the following cokes for blast-furnace use:

	TABLE A.					Average
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V. Stand.	
Water.....	0.30	.....	.....	.....	0.80	0.85
Volatile matter.....	0.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.46
Fixed carbon.....	89.576	87.58	90.48	89.28	91.106	89.06
Sulphur.....	0.821	1.06	0.56	1.06	0.544	0.80
Ash.....	9.113	11.36	8.96	9.66	7.530	9.33

Manifestly there is little difference in the chemical elements of these cokes, from which to infer wide differences in their calorific values in furnace work. Cokes I and IV were made in Beehive ovens—I from coal as it came out of the mine, and IV from washed coal. These are the best qualities of cokes. Coke II is made in Belgian ovens from coal as mined; it also is of the best quality. Coke III is made from washed coal in Belgian ovens. It could not be advantageously used alone in furnaces running on Bessemer pig iron. About 20 to 30 per cent. of it can be used as a mixture with Cokes I, II, IV or V. Increasing its use over these proportions will induce a cooling of the furnace with unsatisfactory work. This has been definitely settled by intelligent tests in blast furnaces.

Mr. James J. Fronheiser, superintendent of furnaces, Cambria Iron Company, has recently made some interesting comparative tests of coke in one of the furnaces under his direction at Conemaugh. This rather small furnace was run for a week on Coke I, in Table A, which inherits an open cellular structure. The blast was heated to 800° F., and driven at the rate of 2600 cubic feet per minute. The ores used were mainly from Lake Superior, with some native hematite and Spanish mixtures, producing for the week 156 tons of good Bessemer pig iron. The following week the furnace was run on a fuel mixture of one-quarter Coke I and three-quarters of a coke somewhat denser in structure than Coke I, but in every other respect its equal. The furnace stock otherwise precisely equal during both tests, the blast was increased in volume to 3250 cubic feet per minute to meet the increased density of the fuel. The result was a week's make of 145 tons of good Bessemer pig iron. The consumption of coke in both weeks was 1.29 tons to 1 ton pig metal. The cokes were carefully weighed during both tests. Both cokes were made in Beehive ovens.

The results show that under the best conditions, with the column of blast proportioned to the density of the cokes used, there is a direct loss in a week's work of 11 tons of metal, or 7½ per cent., nearly. The test was made mainly to determine whether the proportioning of blast to the density of each quality of coke would produce equal results. Hence equal weights of coke to 1 ton of pig were used. The question of the relative economy of these cokes, in the quantity of each required to smelt 1 ton pig iron, was not entered into. The test exhibits a loss of product by the languid action of this dense coke, which, considered alone, would reduce its value from that of Coke I at least 11 per cent. It indicates also the loss made by using in mixture in a furnace cokes of different physical properties.

Direct tests were made at the furnaces of the Kemble Coal and Iron Company, in the Broad Top coal region, in December last, by Mr. William Lauder, general superintendent, to determine the relative calorific values of cokes made in Beehive and Goblet ovens, using the same quality of coal in each kind of oven. The furnace in which the tests were made is 14 x 60', with modern blowing machinery and hot-blast oven. The ores are from the Clinton group, (No. V), well known as the Juniata Fossil Ore, containing 30± per cent. of metallic iron. The coke made in Beehive ovens. Previous to this test a few Goblet ovens were erected, from which the coke was obtained for this purpose. The increased density of coke made in this kind of oven was very manifest. It was found that with careful management in both trials it required 2300 pounds of Goblet coke to carry the same furnace burden as 1900 pounds of Beehive coke. Mr. Lauder writes: "I should like to hear from you on the subject. I confess I am surprised at the results. While this coke was on the furnace it took 5195 pounds to 1 ton of pig iron. With the Beehive coke, 4156 pounds for the same work."

The loss per ton of pig iron made is 1040 pounds of coke, or 20 per cent. If the furnace makes 250 tons a week, the loss would be 15½ tons of coke, at \$2.25=\$259.87 per week. On the other side two claims are made—one for the economy of labor in the Goblet oven, the other for a larger percentage of coke from the coal. It will be shown subsequently that an economy of 12 cents per ton does exist under first claim, and under the second an increase in coke of 14.3 per cent., nearly—taking the product of Beehive at 63 per cent., and the Goblet oven at 72 per cent.

Taking the weekly make of pig metal, as before, at 250 tons, and using 1.85 tons of coke to 1 ton pig iron, will require 462½ tons a week.

Then 462½ tons, saving 12 cents per ton,.... \$55.50
Increase of coke of Goblet oven, 14.3 per cent.,=66 tons, @ \$2.25,..... 148.50

Total..... \$204.00

The actual loss per week would be \$259.87, less \$204, equal \$55.87. With the dense coke the furnace worked badly, producing an inferior pig iron.

In this case difference in the densities of the two cokes was much greater than in the cokes used at Conemaugh Furnace trials; hence the increased difference in results. Doubtless the Goblet oven in the latter case experienced some difficulty in coking a washed coal of rather moderate percentage of bituminous matter, making the ovens run cold and intensifying the dense structure of the coke. But the difference, in practical furnace work, by cokes of varying physical structure is clearly made out. These tests have been corroborated by others pursuing the same general inquiries, but it is presumed that they are sufficient to establish the points raised in the investigation of this Coke fuel question—the direct effect of its physical structure on furnace work.

In pursuing this inquiry it is important to qualify the conditions of its use in furnace work. The advantages of large cellular

coke in this respect has been fully illustrated. This result assures the well-known principles in furnace practice, that the more cellular the coke the smaller the volume of blast air necessary to burn it, and that the rapidity of combustion is in direct proportion to the amount of surface exposed to the action of the oxygen of the blast air. The best coke for furnace fuel should therefore possess the largest cell structure with the hardest cell walls possible in coke. Many cokes of medium cell structure are compensated by a columnar structure in coking and the consequent breaking up into small pieces. The undesirable cokes are therefore: 1st, Coke of a soft quality and dense physical structure; and 2d, Coke of soft or hard quality made dense by the method of coking.

There may be some exceptions in favor of a moderately hard dense coke in its use as a mixture in anthracite furnaces, as by its density it will bear a pressure of blast nearly equal to anthracite coal and co-operate with the latter in giving out its heat.

A mixture of this kind of coke of one-third to two-thirds of anthracite coal has been found to work advantageously in keeping the furnace open and energizing the anthracite fuel. This exception in the use of dense hard coke in conjunction with anthracite coal, does not change or modify the general law governing the production of cellular coke for blast furnace use. It only shows that medium dense coke helps anthracite coal in furnace work, and the increased calorific energy which its presence induces would probably be still more marked in anthracite furnaces of moderate height.

The principle which requires hard cellular coke fuel for blast furnace use, is in requiring a minimum volume of blast in supplying the oxygen demanded in the combustion of the fuel. If the heat at the tuyeres in a blast furnace is taken at 3000° F., and the blast air is forced through the tuyeres at 1000° F., then it is evident that the greater the volume of blast air necessary in the combustion of the fuel (above what is absolutely required for the oxidation of the carbon of the fuel in its best physical condition), the greater will be the cooling effect of this excess of blast air. Hence the prime requirement in producing coke with the largest possible cell structure, so as to afford the greatest surface to the action of the blast air, reducing the latter to its minimum volume. And in this it appears will be found the real difference of coke and anthracite coal in furnace use. Not that there is any marked difference in the heat evolved from their respective carbons; but in the superior calorific energy of the former in its rapidity and economy of combustion produced by its physical structure. The requirements of a good coke, therefore, are: 1st, purity; 2nd, hardness of body; 3d, the largest possible cell structure, limited only by its capacity to sustain the furnace burden.

Two questions follow: What is the best quality of coal for making coke? and what is the best oven for coking for furnace use?

1. What is the best quality of coal for making coke for blast furnace use?

The practical answer to the question is the analyses of coals that are well known to produce the best cokes.

TABLE B.
Analyses of Typical Coals that Make the Best Coke.

	Connellsville Coke Co. (Greath.)	Beaumont B. (McCreath.)	Lilly Coke Co. (Greath.)	Union Coke Co. (Greath.)	Brook Coke Co. (Greath.)	Ohio Coke Co. (Greath.)	Average Standard.
Water.....	1.260	0.980	0.715	0.82	3.80	1.500	
Volatile matter.....	30.107	26.340	22.250	18.86	32.77	26.060	
Fixed carbon.....	59.616	64.373	70.518	71.12	58.10	64.750	
Sulphur.....	0.784	1.778	1.459	1.70	1.15	1.380	
Ash.....	8.233	6.585	5.058	7.50	4.18	6.310	

This table shows very clearly the essential requisites of coals for making first-class coke.

The relationship of volatile matter to the fixed carbon, as shown in the table, is very suggestive; although the precise agency of the former, in producing large cellular coke, is not yet so clearly made out. The average percentage of fixed carbon in the coals of Table B is 64.75, the volatile matter 26.23 per cent., which can be regarded as constituting an excellent coal for coking. Any excess of volatile matter over 25 per cent. is not a necessity, while on the other side, any large reduction from this volume must be compensated, in supplying heat for coking, at the expense of the fixed carbon, especially in cases where the coal has to be washed. If 25 per cent. of volatile matter is taken as the standard, it will subsequently be shown that 17 per cent. would constitute a minimum in useful or economical coking; but no good furnace coke is known to the writer to have been made from coal from this small ratio of volatile matter.

That hard, dense coke can be made from such coal is a fact fully proved, and that such coke is chemically pure for any kind of furnace is equally well established.

TABLE C.
Analyses Illustrating the Family of Dry Coking Coals, from the Lower Productive Coal Measures of the Allegheny Coal Field.

	Smith & Co. (McCreath.)	Bed. B.—Un- washed. (McCreath.)	Bed. B.— Washed. (McCreath.)
Water at 225° F.....	615	1.185	2.50
Volatile matter.....	17.935	16.540	30.50
Fixed carbon.....	76.503	74.456	73.24
Sulphur.....	0.609	1.850	4.43
Ash.....	4.345	5.959	3.33

Coke made from the above peculiar class of coals, while possessing all the essential elements of a first-class fuel, is found in practice undesirable for furnace use, because of very porous or dense physical structure. This has reference alone to the excessively dense cokes—to cokes approaching anthracite coal in closeness of structure, but unmodified by the character of the latter in breaking up in small pieces in furnace work. With the moderately dense cokes the blast

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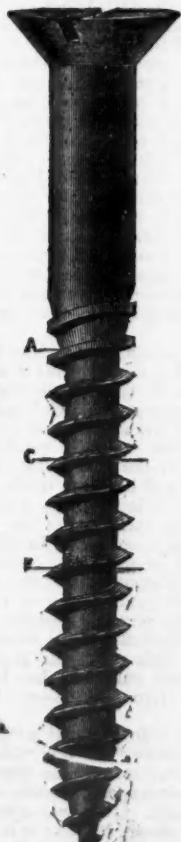
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can be proportioned to their density. The main result in the use of coke over standard metal will be in the reduction of the make of metal. With very dense coke the result is not only in loss of make of metal, but in its inferior quality and general unsatisfactory working of the furnace from its characteristic soft cell walls.

II. What is the best oven for coking for blast furnace use?

That the mode of coking exerts a very important, though secondary, influence on the physical character, uniformity of quality and dryness of the coke, has been very fully determined in furnace work. But it is questionable whether sufficient attention has thus far been given to the physical structure of the cokes as affected by each class of coke ovens.

The three typical families of coke ovens—the Bakers or Beehive, the Coppée, Belgian or François, and the Appolt—all testify to efforts in the production of coke from widely different qualities of coals, without any design at enlarging or modifying the cell structure, or volatilizing a maximum of sulphur, with an objective aim at the largest percentage of product and economy of work.

The action of each system on the density of the coke will be readily understood if we conceive a brick, laid flat, to illustrate the section of chamber in the Beehive class of ovens, with its necessary shallow charge, minimum pressure in coking, and consequent maximum cellular product of coke.

If a brick is laid on its edge, it will show very accurately the posture and condition of the chamber in the Gobett, Coppée, Belgian or François ovens, with the necessary pressure induced by the increased depth of charge, producing an increased density in coke.

The Appolt oven is made plain, by setting the brick on end, producing the maximum pressure on its charge, and consequently the densest coke.

Mr. I. L. Bell, however, points out the difference of the physical character of the coke and its influence on furnace operations, in page 315 of his work on "The Chemical Phenomena of Iron Smelting." Reviewing the results of coke in furnace work, made in ovens of ancient and modern plans, he says: "My firm have tried these plans" (Belgian or François ovens), "but found the useful effect in the furnaces inferior to that obtained in the ordinary way (Beehives)."

In consequence of this, all the more recently erected ovens have been constructed upon the old fashion; and I have endeavored to ascertain what are the circumstances which reduce the value of the commodity made according to the more modern improvements below that made in the more simple oven."

In pursuing this inquiry, he gives the results of several experiments illustrating the action of hot carbonic acid on the carbon of cokes of different physical structure, proving that it is affected in widely different degrees by the solvent power of the carbonic acid gas. In other words, that coke can be made too hard or dense, as well as too soft and open, for the most useful effect in furnace operations, and that a coke of intermediate physical structure between the above is the most desirable in yielding its heat readily, efficiently and uniformly, thus maintaining the train of operations in the chemical reactions of the furnace which are so essential to the best results in its operations.

"Experiment 706. Two and one-quarter grams of hard coke, previously exposed for two hours in a covered crucible to a high temperature, was placed in a combustion tube. All air being expelled from the apparatus, a stream of thoroughly dried carbonic acid was passed over the coke for 15 minutes at a red heat, and for 35 minutes at a bright red (maximum of a Hoffman's double furnace). Two liters of carbonic acid were passed over the coke, and from this only 26 c. c. of carbonic oxide were collected, the remainder of the carbonic oxide being unchanged."

"Exp. 708. Hard coke, pulverized to size of mustard seed, exposed at a temperature of melting zinc for three-quarters of an hour to a current of carbonic acid, gave a mere trace of carbonic oxide."

"Exp. 709. Soft coke, similarly treated as previous experiment (708), in 1 1/4 hours gave 92 c. c. of carbonic oxide, determined by explosion with oxygen and absorption by caustic potash."

These experiments indicate very decidedly the action of carbonic acid gas on the three conditions of cokes submitted to these tests. They exhibit more especially the most desirable condition of coke for furnace use. They do not, however, embrace a wide enough range in the investigation of the physical structure of coke, for "hard coke" and "soft coke" are simply relative terms, indicating the completeness or incompleteness of the operation of coking. Reducing or pulverizing each quality of coke to the size of mustard seed cannot represent related conditions in actual work in the furnace, for the undesirability of most of the dense cokes consists, in part, of their production in large lumps, while the desirable coke is produced in moderately diminutive pieces.

The prominent and conclusive fact is made out that the make of coke in one class of ovens is not found useful in a degree warranted by the nature of its constituents, and that a different kind of oven, treating the same coal, produced a coke giving entirely satisfactory results in furnace work, under precisely similar conditions with the former.

The extremely soft or partially prepared coke called "black ends," would undoubtedly cause the furnace to work disadvantageously, in loss of heat by its dissolution too high in the stack. This indicates the necessity of the uniformity of quality in the coking of fuel for persistent, useful work in furnace operations.

The examples of the undesirable properties of dense coke in Connemah and Kem-

ble furnaces, are sustained by very wide experiences in using too dense a fuel.

Mr. P. Doyle, L. C. E., in the *Colliery Guardian* of February last, indicates an effort recently made in British India to interest the capitalists of Bengal in the development of the native iron manufacture. In this connection, the quality of coke has been entered into: "It is satisfactory to learn that, in order to meet the demand which must naturally ensue, the principal coal companies in this part of India are devoting a great deal of attention to the manufacture of coke. Prominent among the companies is, of course, the East India Railway, whose resources in this respect may be approximated at nearly 50 tons per day. The quality of this coke, although considered the best in India, is not all that could be desired. Its great fault is excessive density, which renders it almost incombustible at ordinary red heat." The analysis yields:

Carbon	84.00
Ash	15.66
Sulphur	.25
Moisture	none
Total	100.00

It is added, "The defect is one that can be easily rectified," and here, just on the threshold of the most interesting inquiry, the correspondent suddenly stops. As the composition of the coal from which the coke was made is not given, it is impossible to estimate whether the objectionable density of the latter can be "rectified" or not. A reduction of its ash is evidently required.

A gentleman from South Russia visited the Cambria Iron Works during the past Centennial year. He was in the pursuit of knowledge. A furnace with which he is connected had been put in blast, with hard Donetz anthracite coal as fuel, composed as follows: Carbon, 95; ash, 3, and volatile matter, 2. This fuel was charged into the furnace in great "chunks" of one-half ton or more. Under the action of heat these did not break up or decrepitate, hence, wide spaces were left open for avenues to blowers, impinging on the furnace lining, and cutting it out in a little over a week's blast. The trial was made a second time, after enveloping the new lining of furnace in a mammoth tuxedo. This time the effort was continued over two weeks, terminating in the same disastrous results as in the former case. This gentleman was advised to import an American "coal breaker," or procure a comprehensive assortment of sledges and hammers to break the coal into small pieces before introducing it into the furnace.

Undoubtedly the same experience would have been encountered in the use of the American variety, but for the property the latter possesses of decrepitating freely on exposure to furnace heat, thus exposing enlarged surface space to the action of the reducing gases, and enabling it to be used with a heavy column of blast.

The breaking of larger pieces of all cokes inclined to density of physical structure has been found beneficial in furnace use. In one case a saving of 12 per cent. of fuel was obtained by breaking up the larger pieces. The denser the coke the smaller it should be broken, in preparing it for the blast furnace.

It has been determined that the best cokes for furnace use inherit a physical structure having the cell space to the whole mass in the ratio of 38 to 62, and that the average of the series of best cokes would give as a standard the cell space of 36 to 64 of coke. It is also important that the cell spaces are large and well defined—easily distinguished from diminutive cells or pores. The latter may occupy as large a space in the aggregate as the former, and yet be undesirably dense.

The best quality of Connemah coal, treated in the Belgian ovens of the Cambria Iron Company, produced a coke of very objectionable density, especially in the bottom and middle of the charge. The effects of the pressure, in the deep charges of this family of ovens, on the density of coke has been observed. It increases from a cell space ratio at bottom of 26 to the standard average of 36 on the section on top.

This is very definitely shown in the coke made in the experimental Gobett ovens, at the Kemble Furnaces, in the Broad Top Coal Region.

In coking in the primitive pits or mounds, a very full cellular structure is developed—fully equal to the Beehive in this respect. There are, however, two objections to this mode of coking: 1. It produces irregular work, a portion of its coke is soft or "black ends," and 2. That it is the most expensive of the systems under review. For uniform, economical work, in coking coal for blast furnace use, it cannot be strongly recommended. Yet, under careful management, in mild, dry weather it has given results, on the whole, fairly satisfactory.

The inquiry as to the best oven will be confined to a comparison of the Beehive and Belgian, the Appolt being regarded as planned for peculiar cases which are not embraced in the limits of the present investigation.

The advantages of the Beehive are mainly as follows: 1. It produces from the coal the best possible physical structure of coke. 2. It yields a uniform quality of coke. 3. Its coke, watered out in the oven, is produced in the driest condition. 4. In riddling it out it is separated into diminutive pieces; and 5. The operation of coking in it is simple, and the cost of oven and repairs moderate.

The Belgian or François oven has its advantages: 1st. It produces a uniform quality of coke; and 2d. It is the most economical method of coking.

Its disadvantages consist mainly, with the ordinary coking coals, in making a dense coke. It requires skill in its coking operations. It requires its coke to be quenched outside in a clumsy manner, producing a damp fuel. Its cost is large, but its repairs moderate.

It is only especially adapted to the family of coals demanding pressure in coking, to prevent too inflated a physical structure, and to the peculiar cases hitherto noticed, consisting of coals holding a minimum of volatile matter and requiring washing. It may be urged, however, that the coke from this class of coals, holding a small percentage of the cell-making matter in its composition, is so dense as to be undesirable for metallurgical purposes, and doubtless this is true.

But the question arises, whether mixtures of cokes of different densities in a blast furnace are economical, since the blast cannot be proportioned to the densities of the fuel, and must therefore be a compromise with its consequent waste. But in the coking of such coal, a mixture of more bituminous coal might be introduced, enabling it to be coked in Beehive ovens with an improved open structure of coke.

The relative cost of making coke in each kind of oven is hereby given, with original cost of ovens and annual cost of repairs. The estimate contemplates banks of ovens to produce 100 tons of coke per day, or 30,000 tons per year. Coal at \$1 per ton delivered at ovens.

Beehive Ovens.	
80 ovens at \$300.....	\$24,000
Interest on investment 10 per cent. per annum.....	1,600
Annual repairs and renewals at \$10 each.....	800
Total.....	\$26,400
Then \$26,400 ÷ 30,000 tons = 88 cents per ton of coke.	

Cost of Coal and Coking.	
1.60 tons of coal at \$1 per ton.....	\$1.60
Labor at ovens, charging and drawing.....	.27
Interest on cost of ovens and annual repairs.....	.17
Total.....	\$1.95

Belgian Ovens.	
65 ovens at \$700 each.....	\$45,500
Engine for pushing coke out of ovens.....	3,000
Annual repairs to engine.....	300
Tracks for engine.....	300
Annual repairs to ovens.....	310
Annual interest on investment (\$48,800) at 10 per cent., \$4,880.	
Total.....	\$54,240
Then \$54,240 ÷ 30,000 tons = 180 2/3 cents nearly.	

Cost of Coal and Coking.	
Coal, 1.42 tons at \$1 per ton.....	\$1.42
Labor at ovens, charging, luting, pushing, &c.....	.23 1/2
Interest on cost of ovens and annual repairs.....	.17 1/2
Total.....	\$1.83

The Belgian plant of ovens is the more costly in construction, but less expensive in repairs and coking. The economy in this class of ovens consists in the saving in coal to make 1 ton of coke; the saving in the work of discharging the coke out of ovens and in their annual repairs.

The Beehive oven is less costly in construction but more expensive in annual repairs. Regarding the two systems in the aspect of absolute economy, embracing the interest of invested capital in their construction, with annual repairs of each, and without any reference to the value of the coke made by each kind of oven, the Belgian exhibits an economy of 12 cents per ton of coke in its favor.

But estimating the ultimate results of each quality of coke in blast furnace work, and embracing all the factors demanded in its physical and chemical condition to insure uniform work, maximum calorific energy and economy, the Beehive oven is regarded as possessing the greater number of good properties. That it is susceptible of improvement is self-evident, in the utilization of expelled gases, especially at the commencement of the operation of coking, by introducing flues under the floor of the oven. But in all subsequent changes, the main principles of Beehive coke making should be retained—shallow charges, uniform work, and quenching the coke so as to produce it crisp and dry.

The Belgian or François oven will retain its place of usefulness in coking certain qualities of coals: (a) The very pitchy or bituminous coals which agglutinate readily and swell in bubbles of abnormal size. (b) The dry burning coals of the Northwest and West, known generally as "block coals." (c) And in coking a third class of coals it may be found a necessity—the coals that are low in volatile matter, about 17 per cent. If these are found in a sufficiently pure state to be coked without washing, then the Beehive oven would be the proper method of treatment; but when they require washing, and are charged into the oven in a damp condition, the Belgian oven alone, it is believed, could support the necessary heat by its swift method of discharge of coke, and immediate charge of coal into the hot oven chamber.

In the work of comparing calorific values of the several qualities of cokes by the "Bell Standard," the make of 1 ton of No. 3 pig iron from 40 per cent. Cleveland ironstone, with 2408 pounds (1075 tons) of coke, and blast heat at 932° F., it will be evident that great modifications will be required in the amount of fuel per ton for smelting the several qualities of iron ores, and that this quantity of fuel is not alone determined by the chemical composition of the ores, or their richness in iron, but also by their molecular structures. In the pursuit of this inquiry, an important member is greatly needed—the "coefficient of fusibility" of each quality of the most useful and commonly used iron ores, in the heat units required for the reduction of a fixed quantity of each.

The whole matter of the selection and right preparation of mineral fuel for blast furnace operations, at this time, when the rapidly increasing use of coke is elevating its manufacture among the important national industries, becomes a study of the utmost importance, because of its prime influence not only on the quality and economy of the pig metal, but on the improved qualities of its widely extended products in iron and steel, enhancing their values in home use, and enabling the manufacturer to enlarge his operations by a successful competition in the markets of the world.

Labor and Wages.

The Pittsburgh Iron Mills Relief Society has been gradually gaining until it is now in a flourishing condition, having about 400 members. The dues are five cents per week, and when a member meets with an accident he is entitled to \$5 per week.

The majority of the miners in the Connemah coal regions have resumed work at the old price—25 cents per wagon. Most of the mines and coke ovens in the entire Youghiogheny region are now at work, as are also most of those located on the different branch roads in Fayette County. The operators are now paying cash to their employees.

The striking glass workers at Pittsburgh have opened a grocery store on the co-operative plan.

The flint-glass houses at Pittsburgh are still in operation, though the strike continues. They are run by "green hands" for the most part. There are rumors that the strikers have concluded to abandon the fight and are making overtures to some of the works for reinstatement.

The Trades Assembly of Allegheny County have resolved that the members shall pledge themselves not to buy coal from dealers or operators who do not pay the miners the price they now demand; also, that the delegates urge their respective unions to take the same pledge.

The drivers and runners at the Henry Colliery, Wilkesbarre, struck on account of a dispute in regard to the number of working hours, throwing 400 miners and laborers out of work. The strikers were discharged, new men were engaged, and operations were resumed.

Duncan, Son & Co., flint glass manufacturers, at Pittsburgh, have made a compromise with their men, and will resume work in about ten days. The compromise was effected by both employers and employees making concessions. The employers will allow the gathering boys to work by the turn, as they did before, and the employees have agreed to allow their employers the privilege of hiring and discharging men at their discretion. The step taken by this firm does not meet with the approbation of the other flint glass manufacturers.

All the puddling furnaces at the Altoona Rolling Mill commenced work on single turn and half on double turn on the 21st. They resume without any concessions whatever from the company, which indicates the entire renunciation of the union by the workmen. Six of the men were not allowed to go to work at the furnaces at all, and a few have stood by the organization and declined to return to the mill.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

Prof. Roscoe, in a lecture before the Royal Institution, refers very favorably to A NEW CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

developed within the last few years in France. The molasses from the manufacture of sugar from beet root has been hitherto employed for yielding alcohol. The waste liquors from the stills were then boiled to dryness, and the mass calcined in a reverberatory furnace to recover the alkaline salts. During the calcination the entire amount of organic matter in the waste liquors from the stills was destroyed, until M. Camille Vincent, of Paris, conceived the idea of utilizing them, in which it appears he has admirably succeeded. At the distillery of Messrs. Tilloy, Delaune & Co., at Courrières, the waste liquors are evaporated until they attain a density of 1.31. They are distilled in cast-iron retorts. The residue, after four hours' distillation, consists of porous charcoal and the alkaline salts, while the gaseous products condensed yield ammonia water, tar and combustible gases. The ammonia water contains, besides the constituents of the coal gas ammonia water, large quantities of the salts of trimethylamine. The tar, on redistillation, yields more ammonia water. By concentration the salts of trimethylamine are obtained. Hitherto trimethylamine has been of no commercial value, until Mr. Vincent discovered that by heating the hydrochlorate of trimethylamine, the latter is decomposed into ammonia, free trimethylamine, and chloride of methyl. Ammonia and chloride of methyl possess considerable commercial value, the latter being capable of employment in generating artificial cold, and for preparing methylated dyes, notably a splendid green and a violet.

A startling theory has been advanced by Mr. G. Attwood, in a paper read before the Chemical Society of England, which will make experienced California miners shake their heads. Mr. Attwood asks,

DO GOLD NUGGETS GROW?

and answers by assuming that they do, owing to the accumulation of fresh particles of finely precipitated gold. At Guayana, Venezuela, a large area of alluvial soil has been found to contain gold, and nuggets up to 25 ounces have been discovered within 3 feet of the surface. Quite one-half of these nuggets are covered with a dark-brown substance "resembling a silicate of iron." By treating such a nugget with hydrochloric acid and caustic soda, it was found to be diminished considerably in weight. During this dissolving process much gold in a finely divided state became attached, and after the treatment the nugget was partly covered with a coating of finely divided gold of dull color.

The Engineer describes an apparatus invented by E. Wilmshurst for

DISTILLING SEA WATER

for a variety of purposes at sea. The arrangement is so made that the waste heat from the boilers is utilized, the generator, a vessel oval in section, being placed in the funnel in a suitable position. It is fitted up with a scraper to remove the salt scale formed, which is taken out through a hand hole. The apparatus does away with the donkey boiler and attendant, and furnishes a ready supply of fresh water.

Mr. Schützinger, a French scientist who has recently paid much attention to the

ALLOTROPIC FORMS OF METALS,

has now announced that he has succeeded in obtaining antimony, copper, lead and silver in allotropic forms by precipitating the metals from saline solutions by electrolysis and otherwise.

A correspondent of the *London Mining Journal* gives the following details of a new process for

COATING IRON WITH IRIDESCENT COPPER OR NICKEL,

invented by Dr. Weil, of Paris. He has found that the best mode of preparing the metallizing bath and the best proportions of ingredients, are indicated in the following directions: First, 35 parts of crystallized sulphate, or an equivalent amount of any other salt of copper, are precipitated as hydrated oxide by means of caustic soda or some other suitable alkaline base; this oxide of copper is to be added to a solution of 150 parts of Rochelle salt, and dissolved in 1000 parts of water; to this 60 parts of best

caustic soda, containing about 70 per cent. soda, is to be added, when a clear solution of copper will be formed. Other alkaline tartrates may be substituted for the Rochelle salt above mentioned, or even tartaric acid may be employed; but in the case of tartaric acid or acid tartrates, a small additional quantity of caustic alkali must be added, sufficient to saturate the tartaric acid or acid tartrate. Oxide of copper may also be employed, precipitated by means of a hypochlorite, but in all cases the proportions between the copper and the tartaric acid should be maintained as above; and it is advantageous not to increase to any notable extent the proportion of the caustic soda. The great advantage of the present process, as compared with that proposed by the same inventor a few years ago, is that he now substitutes a Gramme machine for the alkaline bath before used. The object to be coppered is to be cleaned with a scratch brush in an alkaline-organic bath, and attached to the cathode, and immersed in the coppering bath and treated with the usual precautions, when it will become rapidly coated with an adherent film of metallic copper. As the bath gradually loses its copper, oxide of copper as above prepared should be added to maintain it in a condition of activity; but the quantity of copper introduced should never exceed that above prescribed, as compared with the quantity of tartaric acid the bath may contain. If the quantity of copper notably exceeds this proportion, certain metallic iridescences are produced on the surface of the object. These effects may be employed for ornamental and artistic purposes. According to the time of the immersion, the strength of the current, and the proportion of copper to the tartaric acid, these iridescences may be produced of different shades and tints, which may be varied or intermingled by shielding certain parts of the object by an impermeable coating of paraffine or varnish, while the iridescent effect is being produced on the parts left exposed. All colors, from that of brass to bronze, scarlet, blue and green, may be thus produced at will. If it be desired to deposit nickel, the only modification of the above process requisite is the substitution of precipitated oxide of nickel for the oxide of copper, produced by precipitation as above mentioned.

Before the recent meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects, Mr. S. J. Humphreys read a paper on

A METHOD OF MECHANICAL SHIPBUILDING.

He proposes that the process of building shall be carried out as follows: A permanent building shop, consisting of strong and rigid frames, erected at regular intervals in the direction of its length, and braced together longitudinally, covered by a suitable roof, is to be built on a firm foundation, the whole forming a perfectly rigid framework, capable of sustaining the weight of the ship. In these frames he would fix suitable packings, made up to the exact transverse section of the ship at the various stations, and on these packings he would inscribe offsets representing the point where the connecting flanges would meet each other; the particulars could be readily obtained by projection on the mold floor. A skeleton mold or cradle representing the form and lines of the vessel would thus be formed, in which the ship could be built without risk of subsidence or loss of form. A system of cranes could be conveniently arranged above, from which the mechanical riveters could be carried (and, if on the hydraulic principle, they could be in communication with a hydraulic main and accumulator for working them). He proposes that there should be a number of the channel sections varying in size and thickness, and which might be described as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, &c. A code of rules could be framed similar to Lloyd's tables, from which could be ascertained the weights of the various sections required in the construction of any given size of vessel, such size to be based, say, on the under-deck tonnage, &c. The cost of labor would be very greatly reduced, as the furnacing and setting of frames, reverse frames and floors would be dispensed with, and a great saving would be obtained in a large portion of platers' work, particularly punching, templating and setting; and of shipwrights' work in shoring, staging and ribbanding, all risks of subsidence and loss of form (necessitating at present constant care and attention) being obviated by building in the rigid cradle; and sound and cheap mechanical riveting would be substituted for expensive hand-riveting, which is not always so faithfully done as it should be. There would be also a decided advantage to the manufacturer of the material by its being confined to a certain number of recognized sections, which could be rolled much as rails are. All these considerations would result in a great rapidity of construction, which in a large vessel might amount to two or three months' less time than at present required. The Engineer describes a

NEW PROCESS FOR COPYING DRAWINGS

when only a few copies are needed, say 20 or 25. It has lately been brought out in Paris, and is said to be very useful. The apparatus consists of a shallow zinc tray, in which is contained a smooth, jelly-like, cream-colored substance, resembling in some degree partially solidified flour paste. The drawing to be copied is made with a special ink. As soon as it is dry it is turned face downward on the contents of the tray. The back of the drawing is then rubbed over with the hand. The sheet is then lifted up, leaving much of the ink transferred to the substance in the tray. A sheet of clean paper now takes the place of the drawing, and by rubbing it over gently with the hand an accurate copy of the original is obtained. With care, as many as 100 copies can be had. When all that are needed have been taken, the composition in the tray is washed with a damp sponge, and is then ready for use again. The nature of the composition has not been made public.

In the United States Circuit Court at Boston, Judge Lowell has rendered a decision denying the motion to attach in the case of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company against the United States Cartridge Company. The Court does not feel at liberty to decide a question of infringement.

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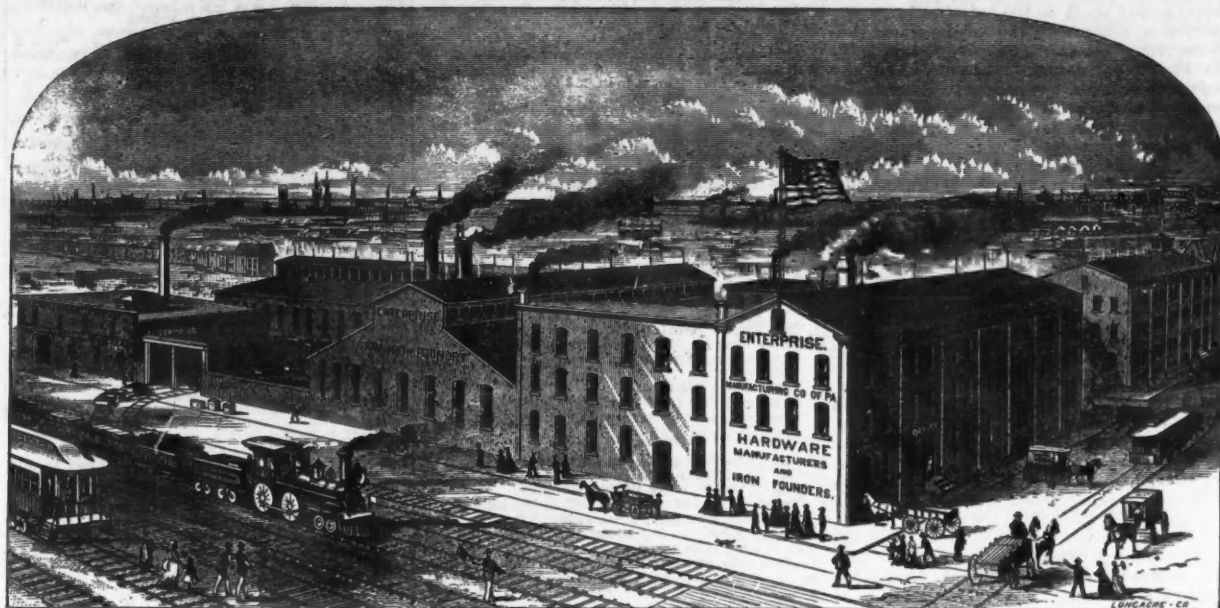
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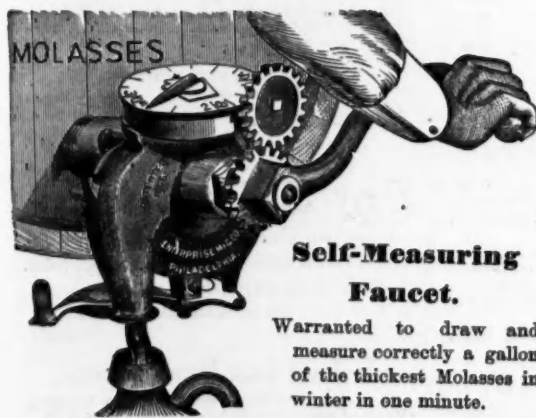
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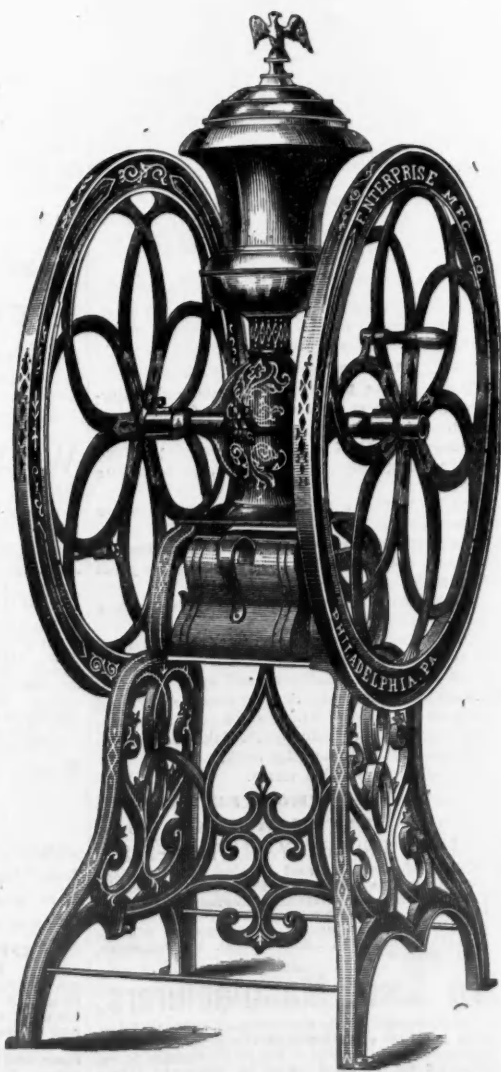
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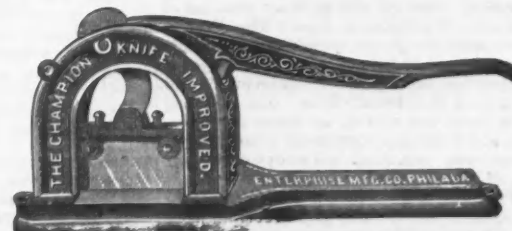


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A Comparison of European and American Railroads.

In the report of Mr. W. A. Anderson, Assistant Commissioner from the United States to the Paris Exhibition, on the subject of transportation, we find the following:

As there is no part of the world where railroads have been such an important agency in material development as has been the case in the United States, so it is gratifying to observe that nowhere else has there been greater progress in the art of railway construction, or in the business of railway administration and management. Of the 185,000 miles of completed railways in the world in 1878, nearly one-half were in the United States. Having reference to territorial areas, this preponderance is very great, but as compared with populations, it is enormous. With vast regions urgently demanding the speedy construction of new roads across the continent; with the needs of the older settled portions of the country not by any means supplied, and with that impatience of delay and eagerness of enterprise which are characteristic of the American people, it is not surprising that there should be much that is crude and superficial in many of the railway works of this country. But when we consider the relative cost of construction, the wants of a comparatively new and partially developed country, and the nature of the means available for railway construction, it will be found that American railroads, in the condition of their permanent ways and of their rolling stock, in their system of administration and in their efficiency, will compare favorably with those of any other country. In many regards they would not be as well suited to the countries and populations of Europe as the practice of railroad construction and management now universally prevailing in those countries. Indeed, the characteristics, social relations, and the wants of the people and needs of the country, are so different from those of European nations, that it is difficult fairly to contrast the European railway systems with the American. Particulars in which theirs would not be at all adapted to this country, render them all the better suited to the needs of the transatlantic populations. There are some things in the European railway practice which strikes an American as inferior in convenience to the practice adopted in the United States, particularly their arrangements for the movement of passengers and their baggage. There is frequently a want of co-operation between railway companies in the arrangements of through tickets over connecting lines owned by distinct companies, and the simple and convenient system of through checking of baggage prevailing in this country is almost wholly unknown. There are other striking particulars in which the practice of European railways, their management of trains, their plans and arrangement of cars and coaches, differ from the American railway system; but these are often not only different, but almost equally good, modes for reaching the same results which are obtained in America by other and not superior methods.

Their sub-division of their passenger coaches into coupes or sectional compartments, each seating six, eight or ten persons, when full, and having no means or direct communication with each other, or with the other cars of the train; their provision of retiring rooms at their stations, instead of having any such conveniences upon ordinary passenger and express trains, which appear at first awkward and inconvenient to the persons accustomed to the American system, are not without their advantages. Their system of guards upon passenger trains who do not control the movement of the train, their position being quite inferior to that of the American railway conductor; of managing their trains by telegraphic signals from the principal stations, as is the case upon some lines; of always requiring a passenger to have a ticket before allowing him to go upon the train, and of never allowing a fare to be paid upon the train, possesses some advantages over ours. When we consider the character of the respective populations, the effects of class distinctions everywhere so marked and so recognized in the Old World, the diversity of European populations and the comparative shortness of journeys, many of the objections that at first suggest themselves to the arrangements adopted upon European railways disappear. There is certainly much to admire in the wonderful system and exactness with which hundreds of trains are daily moved upon the network of railroads in the vicinity of their chief cities. In these vast centers of dense population and enormous traffic, the movement of trains and the transportation of passengers and freight are conducted without collision or confusion, with the regularity and precision of clockwork. In the convenient arrangement and substantial construction of depots and depot buildings, the Continental and British railways are equally abreast of the very best practice of this country. In the regard shown for human life, the provision made at stations for crossing the tracks by bridges above or arched ways below the roadway, in the facilities provided for imparting reliable information to travelers as to routes and trains, and the courtesy of the railway guards and officials, some of the European lines set the example which would be well for all railroad companies to imitate.

The report then gives an interesting synoptical view of the railway systems of the leading European nations. The French system dates its growth from 1840. The roads *ancien réseau* (old net work), were constructed largely by private enterprise, and constituted the trunk lines. The *nouveau réseau* (new net work), or tributary lines, were aided by a government guarantee of 4 per cent interest, with 65-100ths per cent additional per annum as a sinking fund. In 1878 there were 15,000 miles of completed railway in France. The gross receipts were \$162,847,105. The average receipts per mile were \$13,132. They employ 183,000 persons, or an average of 12 6-10ths per mile. The mean velocity of passenger trains an hour is 32 miles. In Great Britain there were 17,000 miles of road open in 1877, at

an average cost complete of \$174,000 per mile. The net earnings for 18 years have exceeded 4 26-100 per centum per annum upon the whole amount of capital invested. Mr. Anderson observes that this gives some idea of the prudence, economy, skill and faithfulness of the management of English roads.

The right of way has also been a much larger element of first cost than in any other country. The rate of speed on English railways is greater than on any other railroads in the world, averaging for passenger trains 40 miles an hour, with a maximum of 70 an hour on best trains. The report states that the weight of locomotives is being largely increased, attaining a maximum power at a minimum consumption of fuel. Mr. Anderson regrets that the German empire was not represented at all, as the art of railway construction, equipment and management has been brought to a higher degree of excellence in that great country than anywhere else upon the Continent of Europe. The problem of broad and narrow gauge roads, as applied to general traffic and city transportation, is as much a subject of controversy among European as among American engineers. The gauge of the trunk lines of Europe is 4 feet 8 1/2 inches between the rails. The narrow gauge, as generally adopted in Europe, is 39 3/4-1000 inches. The cost of these roads is \$29,000 a mile. In England narrow-gauge roads have been reduced to 2 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Bessemer Steel Inkstands.—With the view of showing how Bessemer steel can be adapted to various purposes, Messrs. Brown, Bayley & Dixon, of the Sheffield Steel and Iron Works, have, by way of curiosity, turned out a number of inkstands manufactured from rail ends. Each of these inkstands is made from a piece of the firm's ordinary Bessemer steel rails, and is without any weld, the holder for the ink bottles, &c., being drawn out of the head, and the pen-rack forged from the flange. The inkstands are not intended for sale, not being sufficiently ornamental for that purpose.

From the Maryland region the coal trade has opened up quite brisk. For the week ending April 12th 33,703 tons of coal was shipped, against 30,060 for the same week last year. Total for the year, 303,870, against 242,627 last year—an increase of 61,243 tons.

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One Engine Lathe, 21 in. swing 6 ft. bed.
One Engine Lathe, 21 in. swing 16 ft. bed.
One Engine Lathe, 24 in. swing 12 ft. bed.
Two Upright Drills, 27 in. swing, not geared.
One Upright Drill, 22 in. swing, not geared.
One Upright Drill, 22 in. swing, back geared and self feed.

Two Planers, 32 in. x 30 in. x 8 ft.
One Planer, 32 in. x 30 in. x 10 ft.
One Planer, 37 in. x 37 in. x 10 ft.
Two Planers, 24 in. x 24 in. x 6 ft.
One Planer, 24 in. x 26 in. x 12 ft.
One Shaping Machine, 12 in. stroke.
Four Bolt Cutters, various sizes.
One Horizontal Boring Lathe.

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One Planer, 26 in. x 26 in. x 12 ft.
Three Shaping Machines, 12 in. stroke.
One Shaping Machine, 14 in. stroke.
Two No. 1 Bolt Cutters.
Seven No. 2 Bolt Cutters.
One No. 1 Bolt Cutter, with centers.
Five No. 2 Bolt Cutters, with centers.

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THE DURHAM STRIKE

Is a most serious matter for the North of England, where a number of furnaces have been damped down in consequence of the dispute. The men censure the masters for their alleged refusal to abide by arbitration, while the employers on their side urge that they are in urgent need of the full terms of the reduction, in order that they may be enabled to keep their pits open at all. Over 30,000 miners alone are now on a strike.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM

are quiet. To the iron trade I have already alluded. As regards hardware and the miscellaneous products of the 'Brum district there is little news. Many of the best houses in each department are tolerably well engaged, some being quite fully employed, but in no given instance is there any real activity. Harness and saddlery are selling particularly well, while for season goods, such as toilet sets, baths, traveling trunks, &c., the sale is pretty nearly up to the average of recent times.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE

are rather more hopeful. Last week's exports included 1150 tons of rails to Hummelvizen, and 300 tons to Gothenburg from Rhymney; 300 tons of rails for Gothenburg by the Abardare and Plymouth Co.; 966 tons of rails to Smyrna from Llynvi; 439 tons of bars to Valencia from Ebbw Vale; 110 tons bars for Malta from Dowlais; 30 tons bars to Syria and 48 tons to Smyrna from Dowlais. At Newport a vessel has been loaded with rails for Australia, and others are chartered for cargoes of the same kind for Montreal.

THE TIN PLATE MANUFACTURERS

held their quarterly meeting at Gloucester on Wednesday last, with a very full attendance. The resolution passed at the last meeting as to the size of different kinds of plates was rescinded, so far as charcoals were concerned, leaving the rates then declared for cakes only. The resolution passed that in future the price quoted in Liverpool should be delivered on the quay, or alongside ship, but that all dues should be paid by the exporter, was confirmed. A hopeful view of business was taken, and most of the makers were stated to be fully supplied with orders for some time to come.

THE METAL MARKETS

have not been changed to any material extent, and there is now very little doing owing to the Easter holidays. The Ironmonger reports as follows: "Copper during the week has continued steady and firm. Good ordinary brands Chili bars are quoted at from £57. 5/ @ £57. 10/; Wallaroo, £65; Burma, £63. 10/ @ £64; English tough, £63 @ £63. 10/; selected, £64 @ £65, and strong sheets, £68. Australian remains unchanged at last week's quotations. On Thursday 410 tons of Cape ores were sold by tender at about 11 1/2 per unit for 31 1/2 per cent. produce. This is steady, fine foreign selling at from £69 @ £69. 5/ on the spot, and for arrival business was done at £68. 10/; English ingots have sold at £69 and £70. The imports during the week have been 1444 ingots from Brisbane and 12,697 ingots from Sydney. Tin Plates have not materially changed in price, although a struggle is taking place between buyers and purchasers with respect to prices, makers asserting that they will still further reduce the make rather than lower prices. The shipments from Liverpool last month were 215,970 boxes. Lead has been dull, at from £14. 15/ @ £14. 17/6 for English pig, and at £14. 10/ for soft Spanish, without silver. Spelter remains at from £15 @ £15. 5/ for ordinary brands. Quicksilver at £6. 2/6 per bottle, and Antimony at from £46. 10/ @ £47. 10/. At the fortnightly sale of Zinc on Thursday, 55 tons were sold at £18. 15/ per ton."

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Interets Matériels.)

PARIS, April 13, 1879.—Metals.—The weather has become stormy again and business is less brisk. Copper has declined 2 francs. We quote: Chili Bars, 155.30 francs the 100 kilos for first brands, and 147.50 common ditto; Ingots and Slabs, 154; Best Selected, 157; and pure Corocoro Ore, 155. Havre is nominal; they quote first brands Chili Bars, 148.75 @ 150, and good current Urmeneta and Lota, 145 @ 147.50. Marseilles remains firm; they quote small refined Ingots, 150; Sheathing, 150; Sheet Copper, 152; Bolts, 150; and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 175. Tin continues to show great steadiness. Banca has improved 2.50 francs; Straits and Australian, 5, and English, 2.50. We quote here or at Havre as follows: Banca, 155; Billiton, 152.50; Straits and Australian, 157; and English at Rouen, 150. Havre is firm, with the exception of English; the same may be said of Marseilles, where they quote as follows: Banca, 155; Straits and French, 150, and English, 152. Lead.—There is less doing, and a decline of 1 franc has taken place. We quote here and at Havre, 37 @ 38, and Manufactured, 46 @ 49. Havre is steady at 37 @ 38 for Soft Spanish First Fusion. Marseilles is weak and without anything doing after a decline of 1 @ 2 francs. They quote: Argentiferous, 37; First Fusion Soft, 35.50 @ 36; Second ditto, 34; Antimonious, 34, and Manufactures, 40. Spelter.—There is another improvement of 1 franc. We quote to-day Silesian here and at Havre, 41 @ 41.50, and Sheet Zinc, 60. Havre is steady at 41 @ 42. Marseilles has risen 2 francs. Sheet Zinc there, 54 @ 55; Old Remelted, 50. Iron.—Dealers in iron at Paris willingly submit to the new conditions laid down by makers. Merchant iron is now quoted 60 francs. Iron for flooring is still 150 francs, but with an upward tendency, and may soon be worth as much as Merchant Iron. Columns are also in demand. Heavy hardware is neglected and languishing. In the Haute Marne quite an improvement is noticeable, and with the exception of Nails and Tools, everything moves off satisfactorily. In the Ardennes there is the difficulty of too much competition, and the foundries and machine shops are not flourishing. Merchant iron is, however, in good request there and commands 165. Heavy and light hardware are doing remarkably well. There have been received in the district some government orders for the army. The Hirson Foundry has stopped operations, while the Maçon Nail Works have resumed them. In the Meurthe and Moselle "affinage" Pig iron has risen to 56; stocks are lighter; Common Wrought Iron as well as Tubes for water works are wanted. At the North there is an improved outlook in consequence of provincial commands. The Maubeuge meeting has fixed the price of 145 francs for Merchant Iron, equal to 140 at the works. The Rhone and Loire Region is the only one in France still as dull as ever, but they will soon have railroad

orders. Merchant Iron and Steel are better. Coal.—Prices are still well sustained.

BELGIUM.

(Revue Universelle.)

BRUXELLES, April 13, 1879.—Iron.—The general aspect in Belgium is by no means an encouraging one, but there is at least no further decline. The Onegre Works are now in a position to furnish the very best class of Sheet Iron for navy purposes, and the quality is pronounced fully equal to the Low Moor. Our rolling mills have a fair share of orders, and the demand for iron for architectural purposes is quite active. A good many commands have also begun to drop in from Holland, Italy and England. It is fair to presume that after a while our iron market will lose its cheerless aspect under the impulse of this renewal of orders from various quarters, the more so as the government has thus far also assisted to its best ability in order to relieve the situation by its railroad material purchases. The car orders are now being followed by deeper and other orders. Rails are now engaging its attention. Coal is slow in reviving, but the gradually increasing activity in the iron branch can hardly fail soon to influence Coal favorably.

GERMANY.

(Borrenhalle.)

HAMBURG, April 13, 1879.—Metals.—Although perhaps less active, the various metals here have been well sustained at the quotations we gave last week. We quote to-day: Copper, at Berlin, 64 @ 68 marks for English and Australian, and 67.50 @ 68 for Refined Mansfield. Here we quote as follows: Drontheim, 62 @ 72; Quinoy, 71 @ 72; Eng. Lah, 64 @ 65; ditto Sheathing, 70.50 @ 71.50; Yellow Metal ditto, 59 @ 60. Tin.—We quote, at Berlin: Banca, 75.50 @ 76, and English, 71 @ 72. We quote here: Banca, 75 @ 77; English, 72 @ 73; ditto Reddell, 74 @ 75. Lead.—Berlin remains 15.55 @ 15.50. We quote here: English Pig, 15.50 @ 16; Sheet, 16 @ 16.50; German Pig, 15.50 @ 16; Spanish, 18; English and Dutch White Lead, 25 @ 29. Spelter.—Berlin quotes 16 @ 16.50 marks 15.55; Breslau, common brands, 14.50 @ 15.25; W. H. 15.50, and Godulla, 15.50. We quote here, spot Silesian, 17.50; to arrive, 17.50; Silesian Sheet Zinc, 22.50; Vieille Montagne, 22.50; ditto for Sheathing, 24.50; Zinc, White, 23 @ 24; Light Gray, 25.50, and Dark ditto, 29.50.

AUSTRIA.

(Austrian Trade Journal.)

VIENNA, April 11, 1879.—Metals.—The impulse given from abroad operates favorably also in the Austrian markets. Copper.—Our merchants have felt induced to increase their orders for this metal, and they seem confident that consumption will take all off their hands speedily. Old Copper and Brass are offered in smaller amounts, and it is believed that consumers will have to resort to raw Copper. Lead.—The advance in the value of Lead in Spain, France and England has created a better feeling in Austria, both as regards Pig Lead and manufactures, but no notable improvement in value can as yet be reported. Spelter.—There is increased firmness, and the metal is offered less pressingly by agents and dealers. The rise in Breslau has completely corresponded to the movement here. Speculation in metals revives.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

CONNECTICUT.

A stock company has been organized at Ansonia, under the name of the National Gas Saving Company, to manufacture gas regulators under Sherman's patent. It has \$35,000 cash capital. The officers are: Lewis Hotchkiss, president; E. L. Brittin, treasurer; N. Sherman, agent.

NEW YORK.

Early on Saturday of last week a fire broke out in Caldwell & Brothers' foundry, 556 West Twenty-sixth street, this city, which destroyed the building, entailing heavy loss.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The first shipment of horse shoes from the Cambria Iron Company's new horse shoe mill was made on the 1st inst., a variety of sizes being forwarded to the New York market. They are now being introduced into several of the large cities.

"Tubal Cain," in the Sharon Herald of the 25th ult., says: In Sharon, for the week ending April 19—At the Westernman Mill, puddle, guide, hoop and sheet mill, double turn; bar and plate mill, single turn; nail factory and spike machines on; chain factory running all its fires; blast furnace No. 2 doing very well. At Kimberly, Carnes & Co.'s mill—Puddle, guide, bar and both hoop mills, double turn; the plate mill, nail factory and puddle mill were off Saturday on account of no pig iron, but all went on again Monday. Pig iron is now coming in from the Red Jacket Furnace, in New Castle; one of the Etnas, of the same place, blowed in on Tuesday. From Sharpsville.—The rumors that Sharon capitalists were figuring on the Ormsby Furnace, reported last week, have taken the shape of facts. Workmen began on Tuesday of the present week to make the necessary repairs; how much will be needed we cannot at present say. The panic struck this concern amidships, knocked a hole in it below the water line; it blowed out in the fall of 1873, and, with the exception of a short blast by Herron, Ohl & Co. in the fall of 1876 and the spring of 1877, has remained idle since that time. From West Middlesex.—At the rolling mill, 10 furnaces double turn, which makes the mill on almost to its full capacity. Fanny Furnace still in blast and doing well. The work of repairing the Shenango Furnace has been stopped, with not very good prospects of being begun this summer. From New Castle.—The Etna and sheet mill running full time. The Clara Furnace and one of the Etnas were waiting for the settlement of the coal strike, but owing to the scarcity of pig iron at the Kimberly Mill, in Sharon, the Etna was blown in on Brookfield coal on Tuesday. Grove Furnace are making the final repairs to their furnace preparatory to putting it in blast, which they will do about the last of May.

The Mount Carbon rolling mill, 2 miles south of Pottsville, was burned on the 23d ult. It was owned by New York and Pottsville parties, and including machinery cost \$250,000. Not insured. The mill has been idle for the past two years. The fire caught from a passing locomotive.

The cross-head of the blowing engine at the charcoal furnace of Spang, Erb & Co., at Lenhartsville, broke last Saturday, and it was at first thought the furnace would have to go out of blast, as the fire in the charcoal furnace cannot be sustained without blast as long as that in an anthracite furnace. In 24 hours, however, by rapid work the cross-head was repaired, the blowing engine was in full operation again, and the blowing out of the furnace was avoided. There is stock enough on hand to run for another year.

Mellert & Co., Reading, have received the contract for furnishing cast iron pipe for the new penitentiary, to be erected at Hunting-

ton, Pa. The amount of pipe required will be about two miles in length.

The Union Furnace in Windsor township, at the base of the Blue Mountain, which has been in operation for a period of 20 months, was stopped last week for a short time, until sufficient stock has been accumulated to enable the furnace to run without cessation during the ensuing year.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The National Tube Works are shipping oil-well tubing to Russia.

Mackintosh, Hemphill & Co. have a contract for three blowing engines for the new blast furnaces of the Edgar Thomson Steel Company. They have also nearly completed a two-high reversing blooming mill for Shoenberger & Co.'s new steel works.

The new lap-weld pipe mill of A. M. Byers & Co. is rapidly approaching completion. The machinery is being put in position.

Some of the Pittsburgh blast furnaces experienced considerable difficulty in keeping up a supply of coke during the strike in the coke regions. There was no stoppage of the works, however, and now that the strike is broken, there will be no further trouble.

The bridge works of T. B. White & Son, of New Brighton, are being moved to Beaver Falls. The new works will be on the flat opposite the cutlery works, where much better shipping facilities are afforded than at the former site.

The axe manufactory of Hubbard, Bakewell & Co. is on full time.

Oliphant Furnace, Fayette County, which was destroyed by fire last fall, has resumed blast, making her first blast on the 14th inst.

OHIO.

The Star Glass Works at Bellaire were burned on the evening of the 24th ult. They have not been operated for three years.

The machinery at Etna Furnace, Ironton, has been tested, and found to be in first-class order. The bottom of the furnace has been removed, and work commenced on the new hearth. Everything could be ready for blast in about thirty days.

We clip the following regarding Hanging Rock furnaces from the local press: Monroe is undergoing quite extensive repairs—a new hearth, inwalls and hot blast being put up. The Davis hot blast has been in use there, but the Player will be put in its place. She will not be ready to go in blast till some time in June. Madison is making some slight repairs, and will go into blast as soon as sufficient charcoal can be burned. She has between 5000 and 6000 tons of ore on hand. All of the Jackson stonecoal furnaces are idle, excepting Fulton. She has been very much improved by a new hearth and inwall. She also enlarged her bosh from 10 feet 6 inches to 13 feet 6 inches, and also enlarged her stack at the top and placed her bell under, instead of over, as heretofore. The results of the change are about 16 tons of iron per day instead of 10, and of much better quality. Tropic Furnace will probably be forced to sale. By deaths and other causes her ownership has so largely fallen into the hands of minors and others, not able to add means to start her up, that some such step will have to be taken before anything can be done with her. Milton Furnace at Wellston, if not now out of blast, will very soon be compelled to shut down on account of her hearth being worn out.

Up to Saturday the 19th of April, 330,436 kegs of nails had been received at Cincinnati since September 1, against 284,991 for the same time last year.

The sale of the Steubenville Furnace property has been set aside by the court, and the property will be re-advertised for sale.

The old Irondale Furnace mill and coal property is for sale. A new company has been organized, and has leased the Gaylord Rolling Mill, Portsmouth, for 10 years. The make up of the new company is very good, comprising several solid and successful business men. Mr. J. C. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, formerly of the firm of Lewis, Ditzell & Co., is to be the general superintendent.

The Wages Conflict in England.—Wages reductions are still the order of the day, and are threatened in the Sheffield steel trade. Messrs. Jessop & Co. having given notice of a reduction of 5 per cent. in wages and a lengthening of the working day by half an hour. Wages are falling with prices all over the country, the men yielding as a rule, but resisting in some cases. A great conflict is going on in the coal trade of Durham, more than 30,000 miners having struck against a further reduction of 15 per cent. wages. During the last five years the wages of the Durham miners have been lowered 58 per cent., so that if the present reduction is ultimately enforced, they will receive only one-fourth the amount paid in 1874. Under such circumstances it is not surprising that the miners should strike in sheer desperation. Unfortunately they are also resorting to violence, after having offered to submit to a reduction of 7 1/2 per cent. or abide the result of arbitration, both of which the employers promptly refuse.—Sheffield Independent.

The Oldest Mine Map.—Dr. Gurit, a German metallurgist who has devoted much attention to the study of the history of mining and metallurgy, exhibited recently, before a German society, a copy of what appears to be the oldest map of a mine known. It is the plan of an Egyptian gold mine from the time of King Seti I, or about 1400 B. C. The original, drawn on papyrus, is at the museum of Turin, Italy.

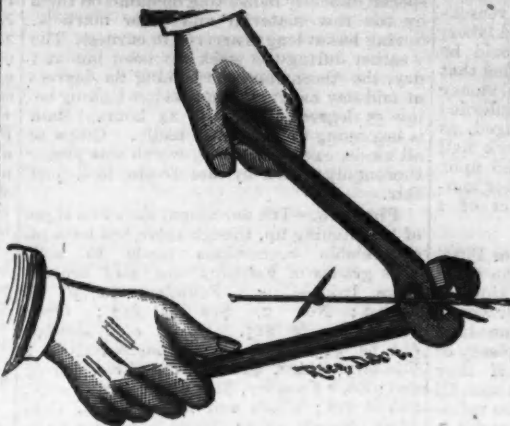
Two eminent Germans, Prof. Dore, a leading physicist and meteorologist, and Prof. Karmarsch, an acknowledged authority on technical subjects, late director of the Polytechnic School at Hanover, died recently.

East Palestine, Ohio, writes on the 22d: The State Line Coal Works is running to its full capacity, employing upward of 400 men. The Prospect Hill mines are starting up for a steady spring run, having in now about 40 men.

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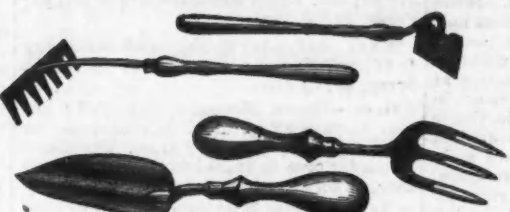
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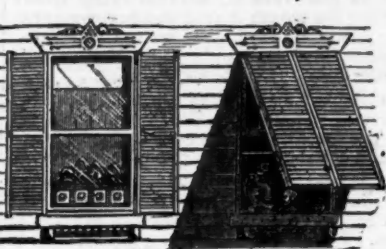
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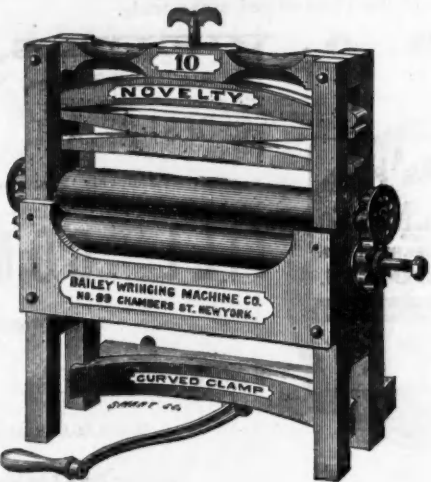
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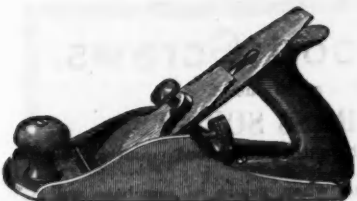
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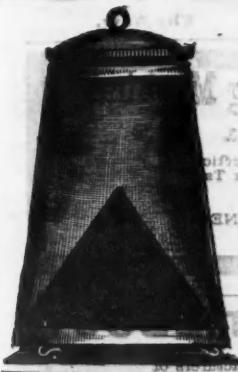
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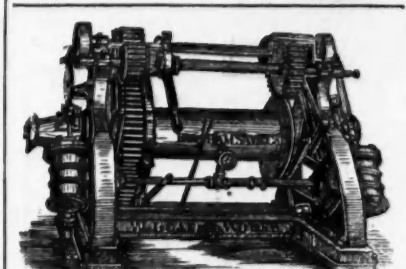
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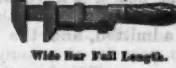
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The reference to the Barff and other processes for the treatment of cast-iron surfaces, in the address of Mr. Bayles, before the National Association of Stove Manufacturers at Rochester last winter, on "Taste and Art in Stove Ornamentation," have attracted much attention among stove founders, and brought us a great deal of correspondence, mostly letters of inquiry, asking for details of the apparatus employed. For this reason we give place to an abstract of a paper lately read by Prof. Barff before the Society of Arts, in which some information is given additional to that already published. It will be remembered that the Barff process consists in producing a skin of black magnetic oxide on the surface of the iron, by submitting it to the action of superheated steam in a tight chamber of special construction.

No one, says Prof. Barff, who has a right knowledge of the properties of magnetic oxide of iron formed on the surface of the iron by the action of the superheated steam, could doubt its power to resist atmospheric influences, and even the action of sea water; but the doubt that did exist in the minds of many was whether it could be produced artificially on iron, so as to keep its place and enable the iron beneath it to resist their action as well; or, rather, I should say, whether its adherence to the iron was so complete and perfect as to protect it from them. It has been objected that the process might be of use for small articles, pots, pans, &c., but that it could not be applied to large articles, and, even if it could, it would so materially weaken the iron that dependence could not be placed on its strength; in fact, if I remember rightly, a solemn warning was given to persons not to trust to it. Now, that the process is only applicable to pots, pans, &c., the articles before you will disprove. A year and a half ago I had a chamber built of fire-brick, and that has been in use ever since. In it articles 6 feet long have been treated; and if the chamber were 12 feet long, or 20, articles of such lengths could be treated as well as those which you see before you. As to the action on the strength of the iron, bars treated have been tested for breaking and tensile strain, and the result is that the strength of the iron is not affected, and the persons who tested them assert that they would not hesitate to use the process because of any injurious effect which it has on the strength of iron.

In the earlier experiments performed at my laboratory at Kilburn, it was often found that the coating of black oxide scaled off wrought-iron articles. This is never the case now. This scaling resulted from an insufficient and irregular supply of steam to the muffle during the operation, whereby air was not excluded, but was often forced in from the want of a sufficient pressure of water on the superheating pipes. Air must be completely excluded from the oxidizing chamber, because, if the oxidation of the iron depend, during any part of the process, on the oxygen in the air, such oxide formed will not adhere to the iron properly. This I have proved by submitting iron to oxidation by dry air, and in every case wrought iron has, when so treated, lost its coating, which has flaked off in scales; and in the case of cast iron, the oxide on exposure comes off in a very short time, and, therefore, does not provide perfect protection to the iron. If, however, the air forced into the chamber be moist, the same result occurs with wrought iron, but with cast iron the coating formed does adhere for a time, and the length of its adherence is proportionate to the quantity of moisture present in the air. If the air be forced into the ordinary chamber from a vessel in which it is in contact with water, and if the temperature of the room in which this vessel is be high, as in such case it must be, the quantity of moisture converted into steam, when at the temperature of the iron to be oxidized, will be great, in fact, enough to oxidize the iron, for very little steam is required to oxidize a great weight of iron; but then the oxygen of the air will take part in the action, and wherever the iron is oxidized by the oxygen of the air its adherence will not be complete, and though by being mingled with the other oxide it may have a certain amount of stability, yet in a short time it will come off. I exhibit two specimens in illustration of this, one of cast, the other of wrought iron, both of which have been exposed in the open for some time; the piece of cast iron did not rust for some time after it was exposed, but the wrought iron flaked and rusted at once. It appears, therefore, to be absolutely necessary, to secure a good result, that air must be completely excluded from the oxidizing chamber.

For a long time I experienced considerable trouble from the appearance of small spots of rust on articles otherwise well coated, which were immersed in water. The spots of rust appeared to increase in size, but on examination it was found, after washing off the rust, which could be easily removed, that it originated from small openings in the coating of black oxide. It required a magnifying glass to see these openings; the rust did not spread by more of the iron surface rusting, but because the rust formed in these minute cracks was carried out by the water in which the articles were, and was therefore diffused about. Such rusting has no effect on the strength of the iron, and after a few cleanings it ceases altogether. However, I felt that it was very necessary to prevent it, and that led me to seek carefully for its cause. When iron is heated it expands; when cooled, it contracts. If iron be heated in an oxidizing chamber it expands; its pores, so to speak, open. If a jet of superheated steam be admitted at a temperature lower than that of the iron in the chamber, the iron will contract, and then will decompose the steam; of course it must be at a sufficiently high temperature to do so. Now, the iron will gradually get hotter, and will expand again, and the first thin coating of black oxide will be in part cracked, and as the oxide goes on forming it will in part cover and fill up these cracks, but I think—in fact, I am sure—that

* This claim is contradicted, at least as regards cast iron, by Mr. George Bower, who states that he has succeeded in regularly coating cast iron at a cost of 2s per ton.—Ed. M. W.

it does not do so perfectly, and hence some of them remain, the iron at the bottom of them being coated with but a very thin film of oxide. Reasoning in this way, I came to the conclusion that no contraction must be allowed to take place in the iron after the oxidizing action had commenced, and to secure this the ordinary chamber is always kept at a much lower temperature than the superheater; and now it is never allowed to rise above 500° or 600° F. before the superheated steam is admitted, and the steam is never allowed to pass in at a temperature less than 1000 degrees. This for a long time has been our invariable plan of work, and in no case whatever have we experienced any failure as long as the apparatus was sound.

It has always been my opinion that the best way of forming the black oxide on iron is to conduct the process by means of superheated steam alone, because the steam, being the source of heat to the iron, raises its temperature to that at which it can decompose steam, so that oxidation commences immediately the iron is hot enough. When the iron is heated in the chamber, before the steam is allowed to act upon it, there is always danger of air getting into the chamber and forming a film of oxide before the steam gets to work, and this is a thing to be avoided. I have only been able to experiment with superheated steam alone on a small scale, and the large chamber has flues up its side which would conduct off the heat if it were attempted to raise its temperature by superheated steam alone. I may be here misunderstood. The flues at the sides of the chamber would cause cold air to circulate round it, and the heat from the superheated steam would thus be conveyed away. The experiment I did perform was with an iron muffle, similar to that which was used in the early experiments. This was surrounded with fire-clay, to act as a non-conductor of heat. Steam, at 1500° F., was interjected into it for a short time, and then the articles to be treated were put inside it, and the steam was again let in. In a short time the muffle and its contents became red hot, and, after a few hours, were found to be well coated with black oxide. This artificially formed black oxide gives great hardness to the surface of the iron when the coating is sufficiently thick, when it is even less than one-sixteenth of an inch. It will for a long time resist a rasp and will remove pieces of steel from it. Substances which adhere to iron, zinc and enamel, will not adhere to it. I had water evaporated in an oxidized pan for six weeks; the water never boiled, but was slowly evaporated. The deposit was removed with a duster; it did not stick to the iron. This is a matter of great importance to boilers, and for pipes through which water is to be conveyed.

Now, articles coated can be submitted to a high temperature, even a red heat, without the coating being injured or disturbed. At present I fear that iron wire cannot be treated successfully; the wire can be treated and will not rust, but it cannot be bent to a sharp curve without the coating coming off. I show a specimen to prove that the wire, when not bent, does not rust, and that articles made of wire can be made non-rustable provided they are not stretched beyond a certain point. Riveted iron plates can be most successfully treated; the process tightens the rivets and assists the caulking; the plates before you show this. I have not solved the question of riveting plates after treatment, but I am sanguine that I shall be able to do so. Weights are treated for the government, and submitted by Mr. Chaney to tests, and the process is now recommended by that department for the standard weights throughout the country. I also exhibit two specimens, one of oxidized and the other of common iron, on which gold leaf has been put in the ordinary way, with oil gold size, and I think they illustrate well that even where it is desired to paint or gild iron to be placed in exposed situations, it is very desirable to have it first treated by my process; both the specimens have been out of doors for two months, exposed to rain and snow; for some days they were completely buried in snow.

I regret to say, gentlemen, that I cannot speak very definitely as to the cost of the process. I do not wish to delude any one by a statement that it can be done for so much per ton. It is simply impossible to do this, as you will see. Hollow goods, such as saucepans, &c., will take up a much larger space per ton than a ton of 56-pound weights, and this shows how fallacious any general statement on this head must be. My experiments have not been conducted with special regard to economy, but to efficiency, and having settled this point, economy must now be inquired into. This is rather the work of the manufacturer than mine; but this much I can say for your guidance, that, even with my means, the cost for light articles does not exceed that of galvanizing. My experience tells me that different kinds of cast iron behave differently under treatment. Some kinds require longer exposure to the action of the superheated steam than others. Why this I cannot as yet find out.

I have not yet met with any sample of cast iron which could not be properly treated. Wrought iron requires a somewhat different treatment. A lower temperature (about 900° F.) suits it best, and steel also. It is not well to expose articles very different in bulk at the same time. All that are put into the muffle should be pretty nearly equal in bulk. I mean that very heavy articles, such as 56-pound weights, should not be treated with, say, gutter spouts. Cast and wrought iron should not be treated together; but all these are matters which a little experience will regulate perfectly. Sometimes the sand from the mold adheres to cast iron. This is often the case inside pipes. It is of no moment, for the sand itself gets so firmly fixed on the coating of black oxide that it assists in protecting the iron. I have proved this by severe experiments. In clearing off the rust from iron before it is submitted to the action of superheated steam, the usual method is employed. It is immersed in dilute oil of vitriol, and after washing, is put into some bran water. This last operation is to remove any basic sulphate of iron from the surface. If this basic sulphate is not completely taken away when the iron is heated, it is reduced, and red oxide of iron is left on the surface, which

has the color of the red oxide used for paints, and you will see some articles so colored before you. This red oxide does not prevent the formation of the black oxide beneath it, and does not interfere with its stability. It is, therefore, of no importance, except to the appearance of the articles.

An important point which was touched upon by several of those who had been testing Prof. Barff's process, was that the articles so coated, though they resisted abrasion very well, were deprived easily of their coating by a few knocks with a hammer, a fact which Prof. Barff himself admitted in the discussion following the reading of the paper. Another important point admitted as well, is that, although steel can be treated equally well with iron, it loses its temper. Trials to retemper it have not yet been made.

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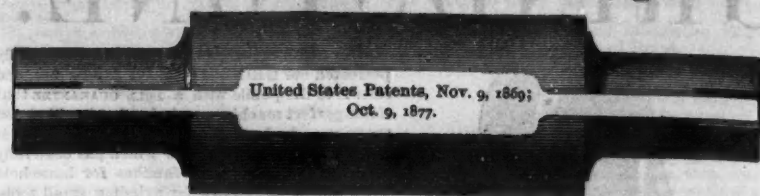
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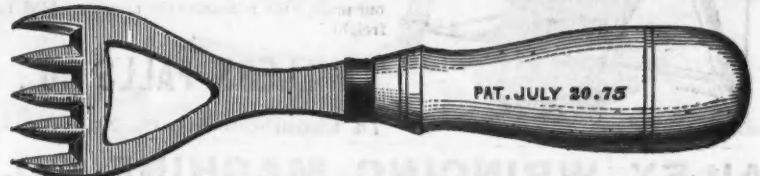
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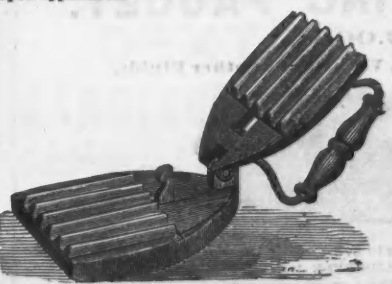
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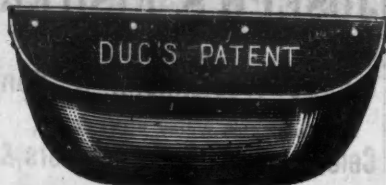
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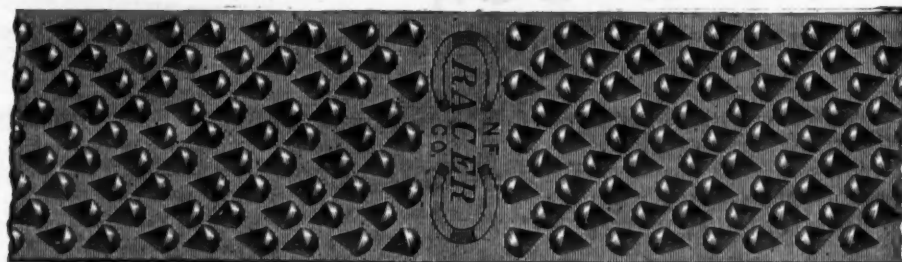
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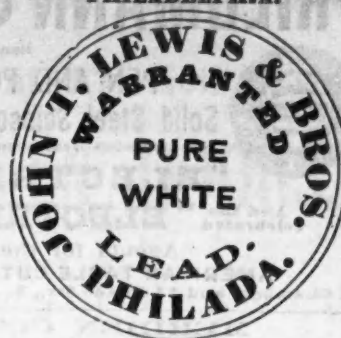
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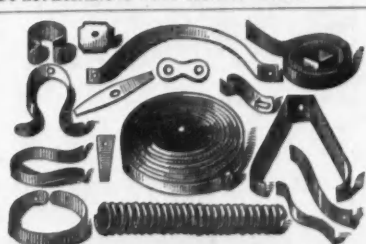
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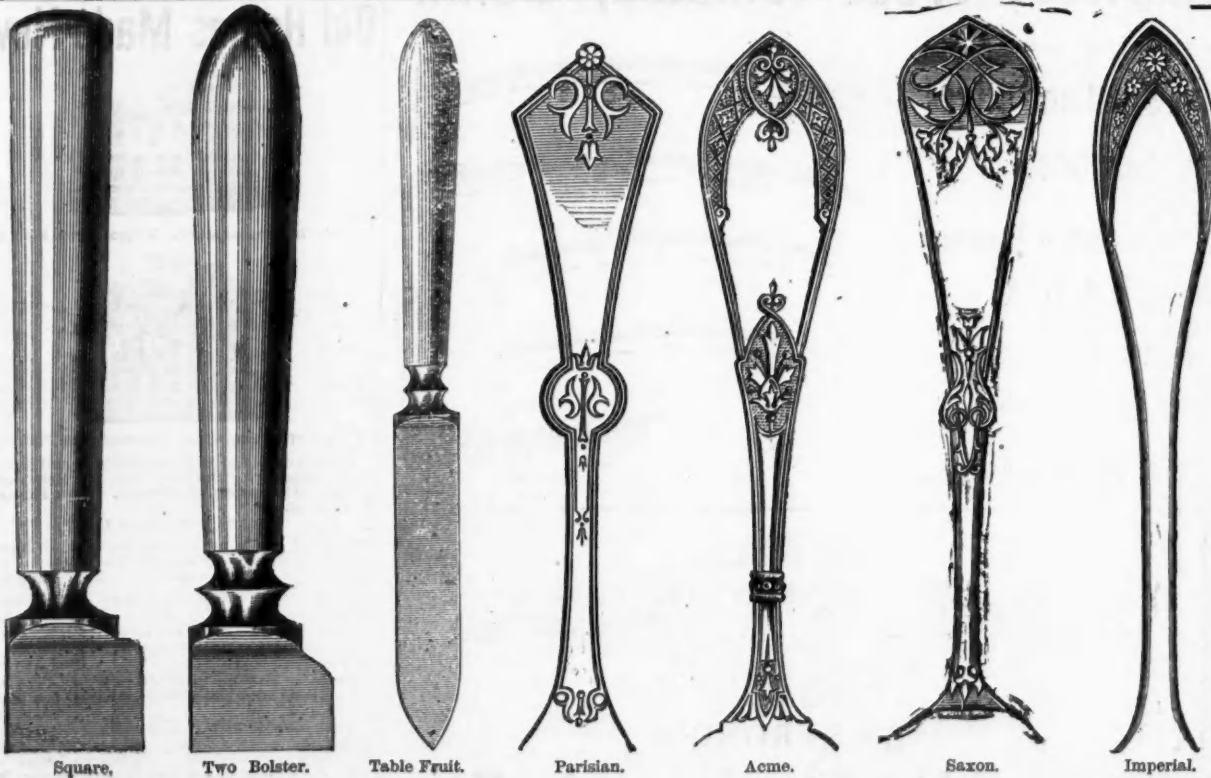
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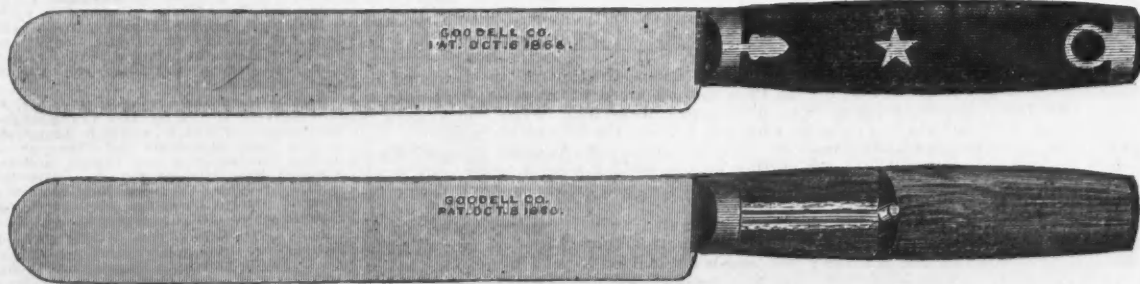
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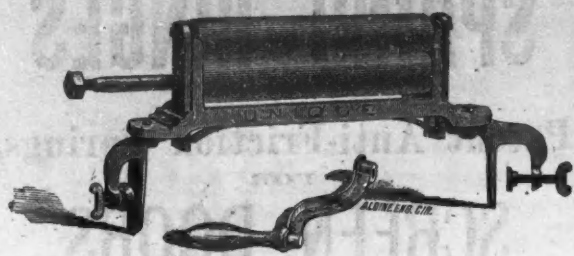
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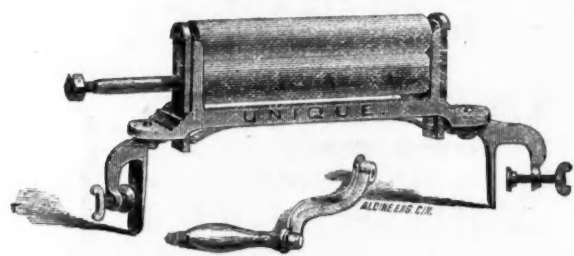
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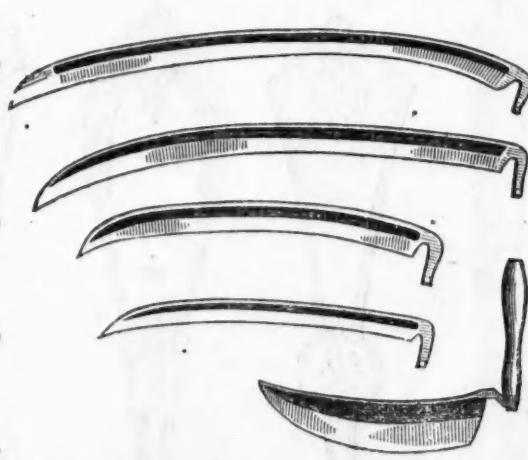
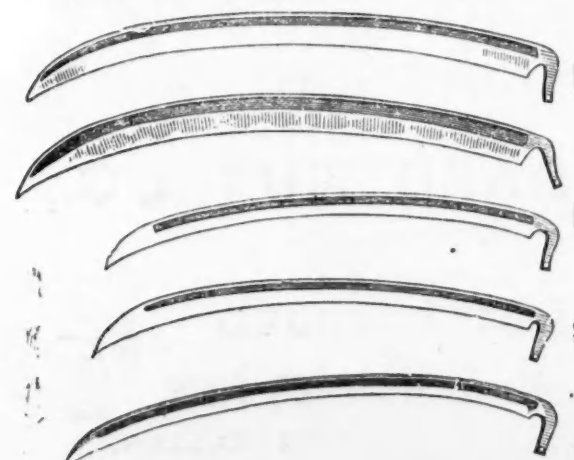
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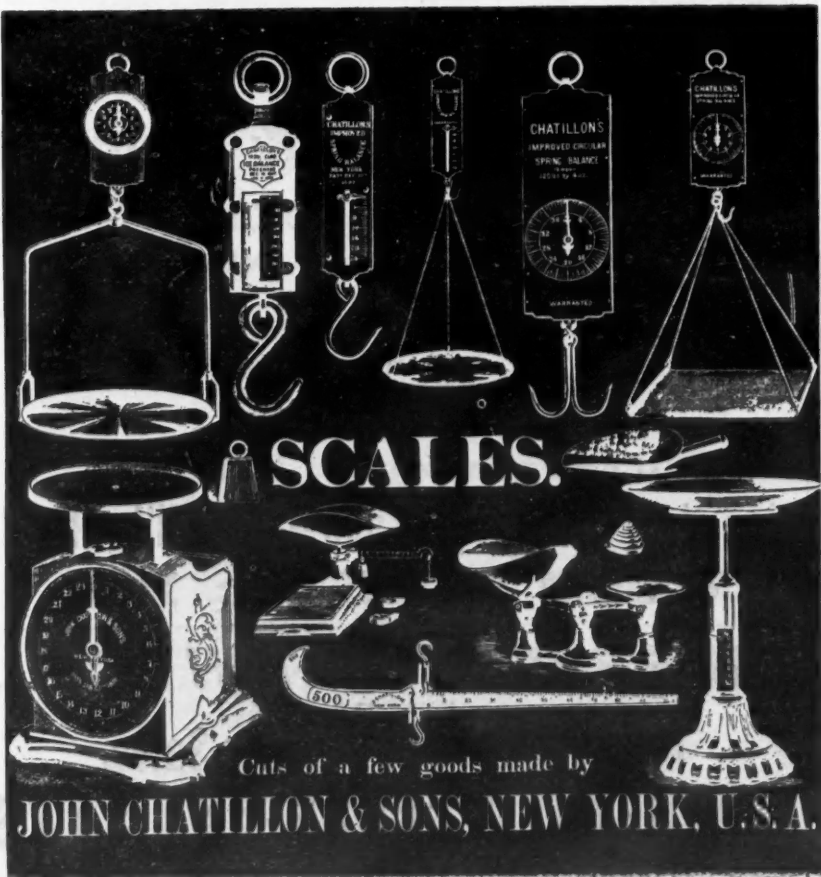
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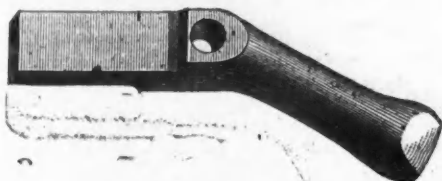
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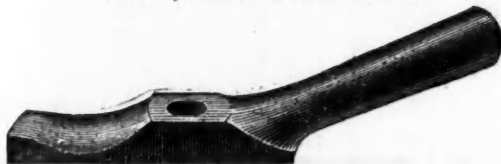
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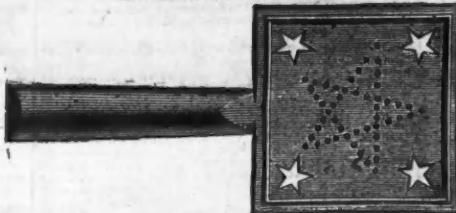
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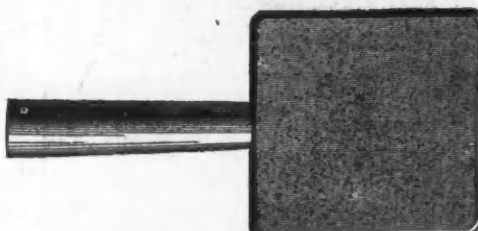
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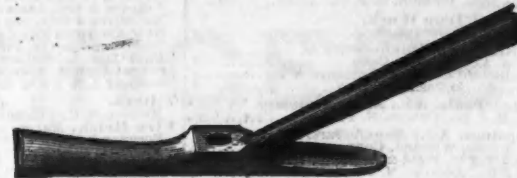
Round or Oval, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9-16 in. hole for prop. Four dozen in a box.

LONG JOINT EYES.



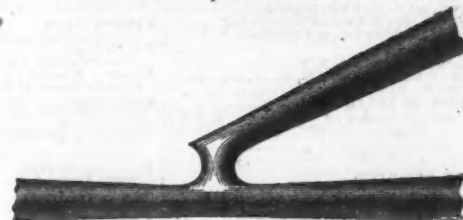
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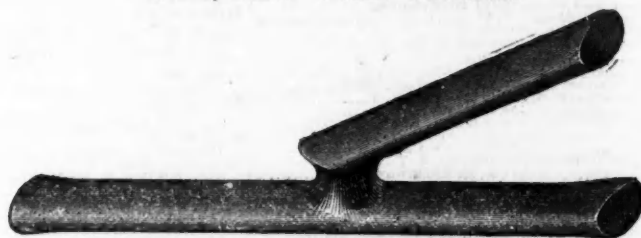
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No. 2, OFFSET.



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No. 7, NEW OVAL OFFSET.



Made from best Norway Iron, under letters patent of Sept. 1, 1874. Five sizes: 9-16x $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2} \times 7-16$, $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ in. Two dozen in a box.

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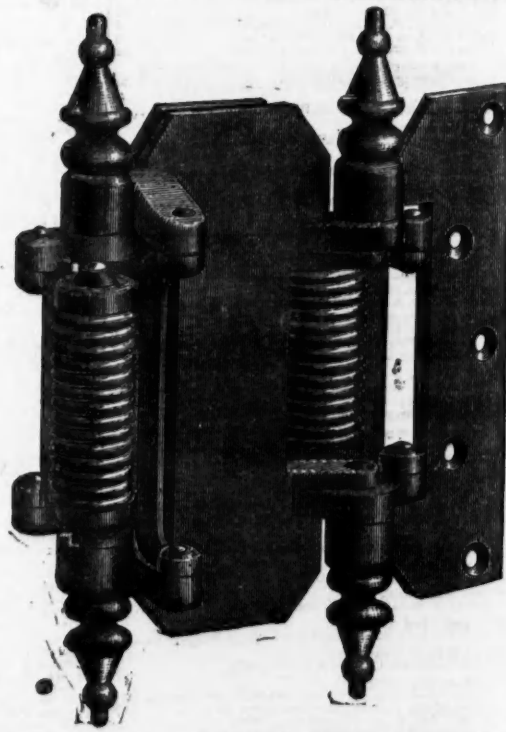
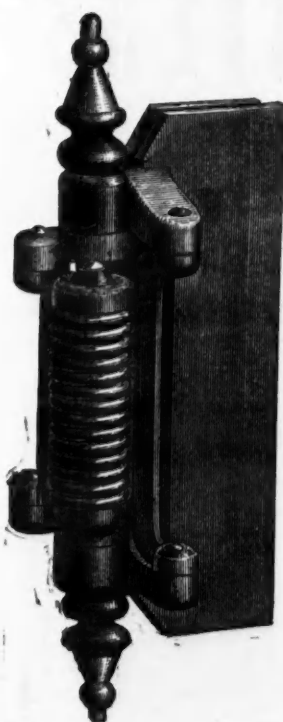
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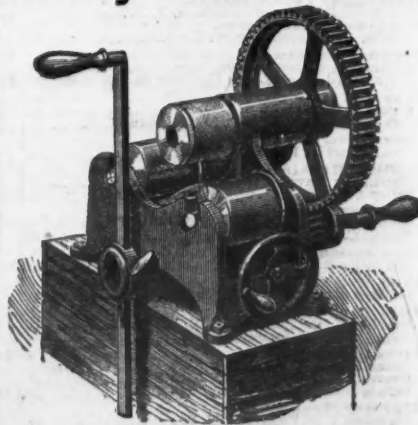
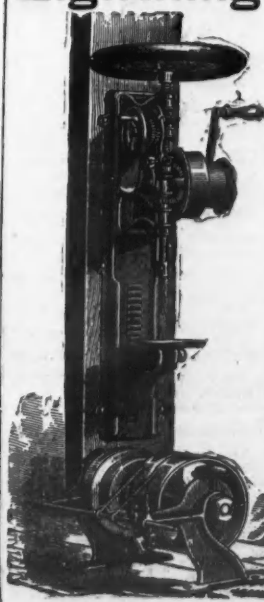
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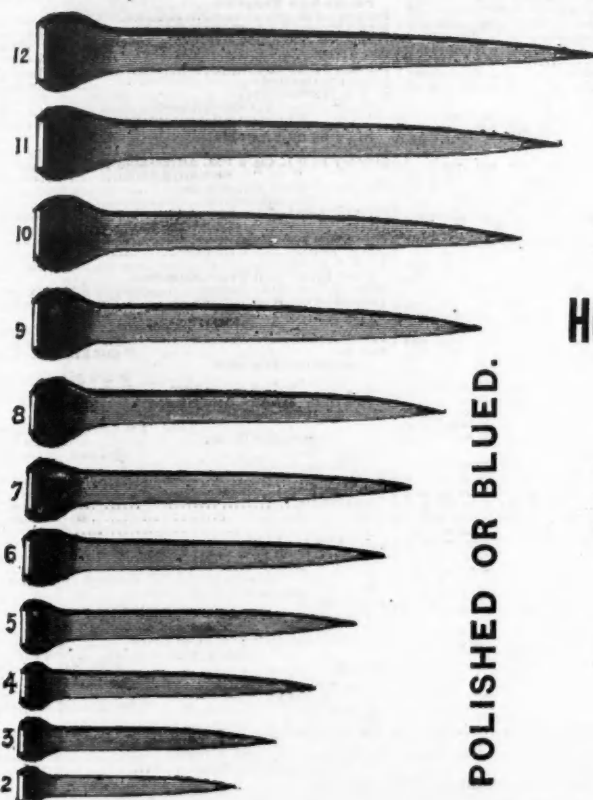
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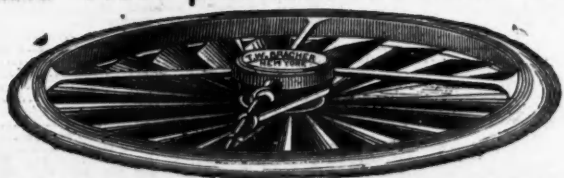
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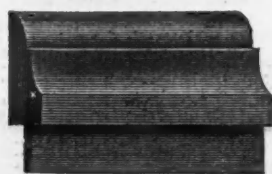
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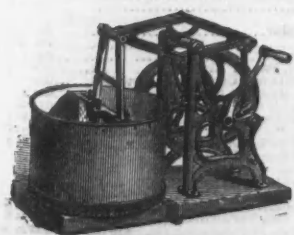
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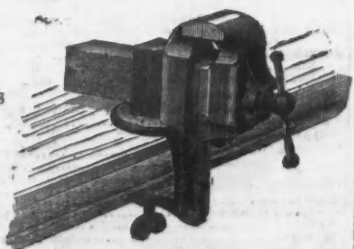
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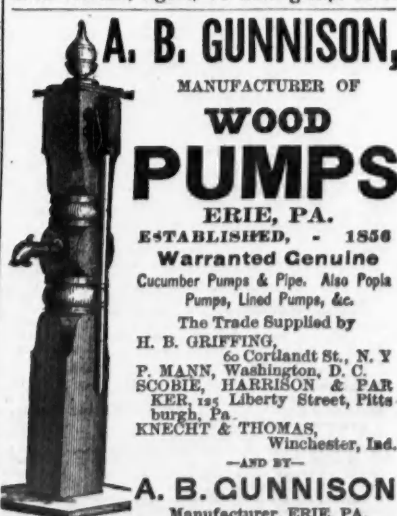
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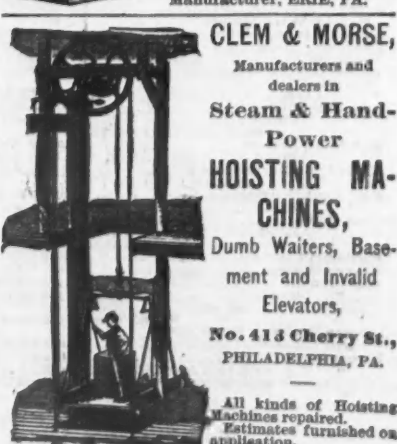
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Oilers and Copper.....	dis	300			
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Ox Balls.....	dis	1000			
Paints.					
Paints (Carpenter).....	dis	100			
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Single Thick. — Discount 60¢ per box.				
SIZES.	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.
8 x 8 to 10 x 15.....	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.25	\$ 5.75
11 x 14 to 16 x 24.....	8.75	8.00	7.50	7.00
18 x 22 to 20 x 30.....	11.25	10.50	9.75	9.00
20 x 26 to 24 x 36.....	12.75	11.50	10.50	9.75
20 x 28 to 24 x 36.....	13.50	12.25	11.25	10.50
20 x 30 to 24 x 44.....	14.75	13.75	12.75	11.75
20 x 30 to 24 x 50.....	15.25	14.00	13.00	12.00
30 x 32 to 30 x 54.....	17.25	16.00	15.00	14.00
30 x 36 to 34 x 54.....	18.75	16.75	15.75	14.75
34 x 38 to 34 x 56.....	19.50	18.00	16.50	15.00
30 x 36 to 34 x 60.....	21.00	19.50	18.00	16.50
Double Thick. — Discount 70 to 75¢ per box.				
SIZES.	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.
6 x 8 to 10 x 15.....	\$12.00	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$ 9.25
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30 x 32 to 30 x 54.....	27.00	25.00	23.25	22.25
30 x 36 to 34 x 54.....	28.50	26.00	24.25	23.25
30 x 36 to 34 x 60.....	30.00	27.75	24.75	23.75
34 x 38 to 34 x 56.....	31.50	29.00	26.00	25.00
30 x 36 to 34 x 60.....	35.00	32.50	30.25	28.25
Sizes above 48 x 60—\$10.00 per box extra for every five inches.				
An additional 10 per cent. will be charged for all Glass more than 40 inches wide. All sizes above 50 inches in length, and not making more than 18 inches in width, will be charged in the 4th and 5th prices bracket.				
Sundries.				
Asph. Alum.....				58
Benzine.....				7 gal. 50
Chalk.....				50
" Block.....				100
Dryer, Patent, Am'n.....				100
" Frostings.....				100
" Sheet.....				100
Glaziers' Points, Zinc.....				100
" Gum, Copal.....				100
" Dammar.....				100
" Shellac, English.....				100
Litharge, English.....				100
Mineral Wool.....				100
" in bulk.....				100
" powdered.....				100
Putty, in bladders.....				100
" in cans.....				100
Rotten Stone, soft, English.....				100
Spirits Turpentine.....				100
Whiting Spanish.....				100

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" Gum, Copal.....				100
" Damar.....				100
" Shellac, English.....				100
Litharge, English.....				100
Mineral Wool.....				100
" powdered.....				100
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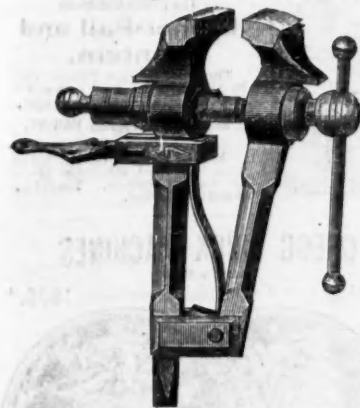
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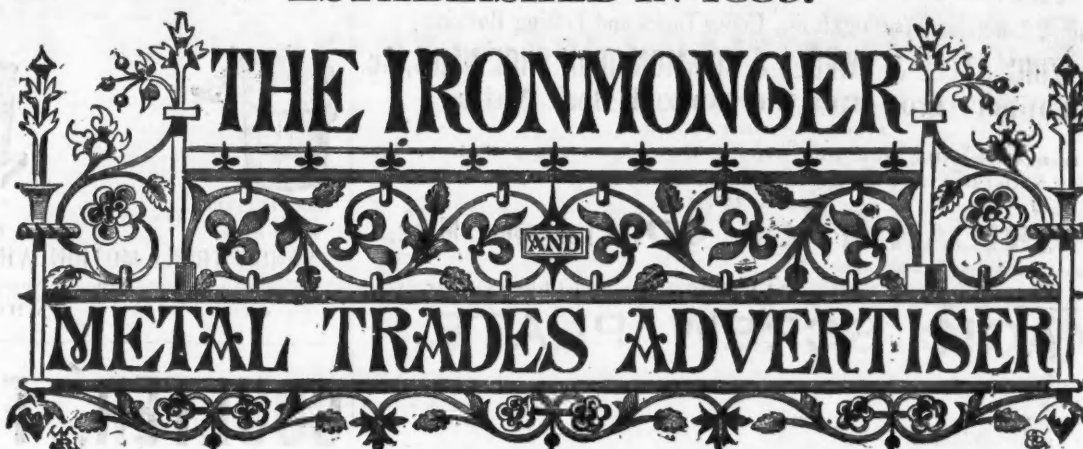
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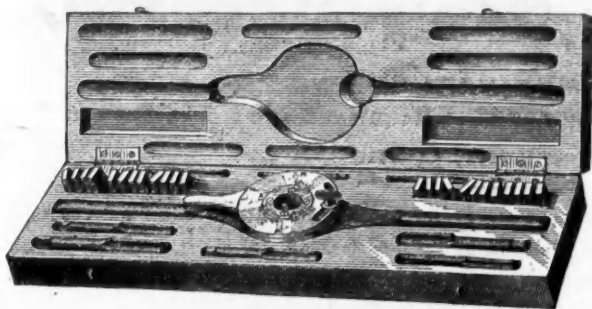
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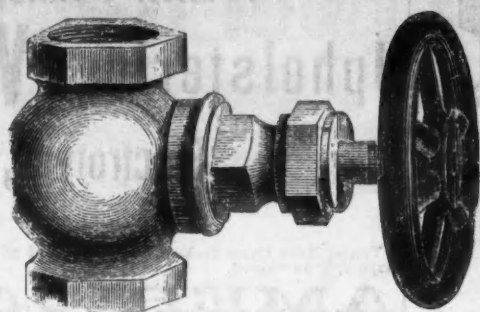
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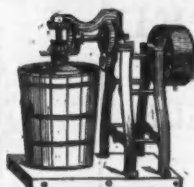
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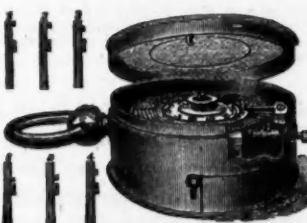
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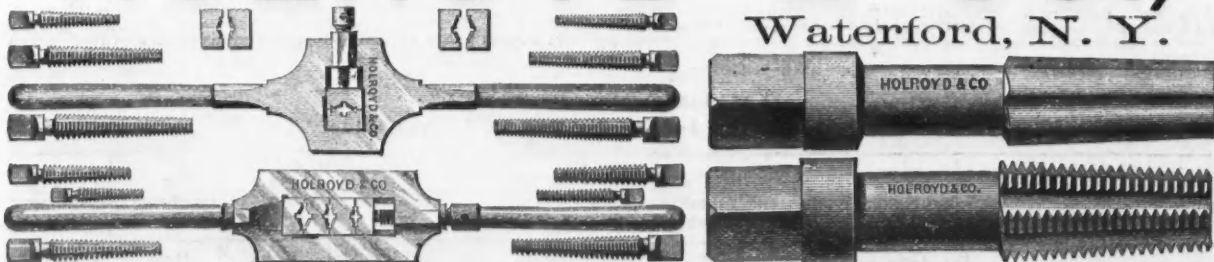
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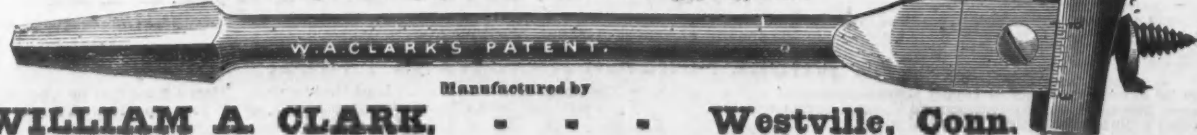
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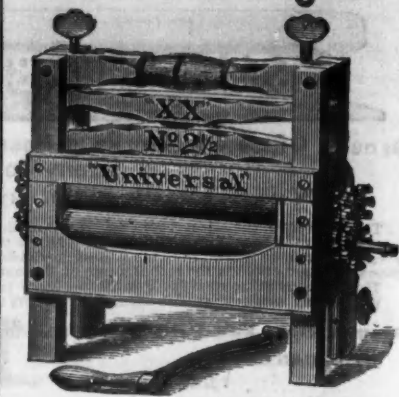
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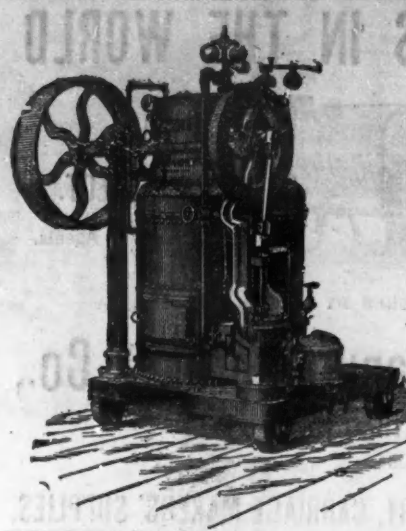
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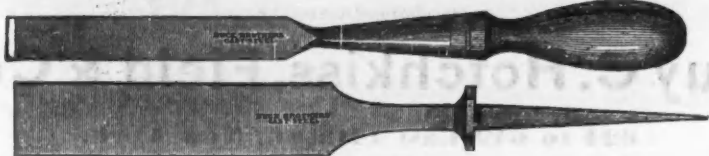
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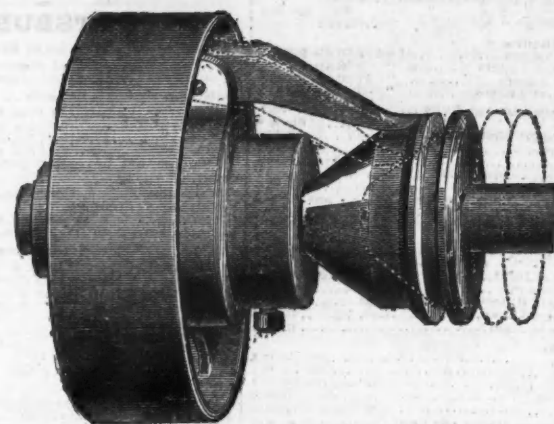
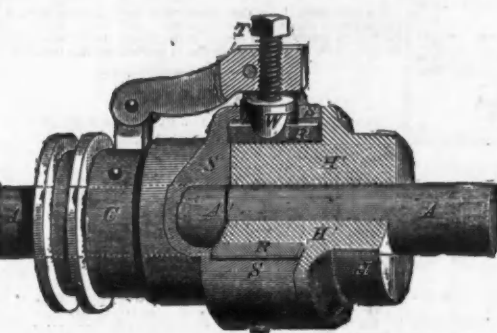
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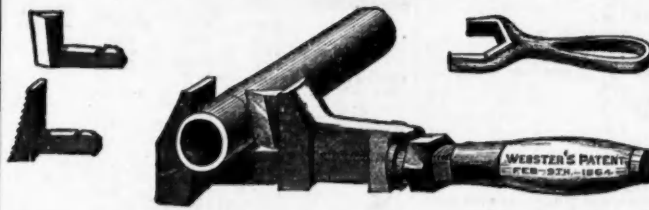
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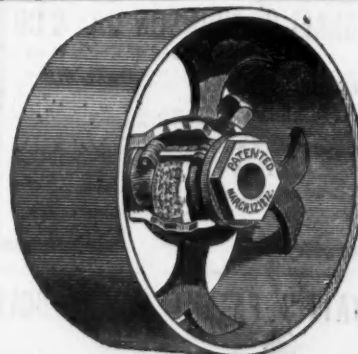
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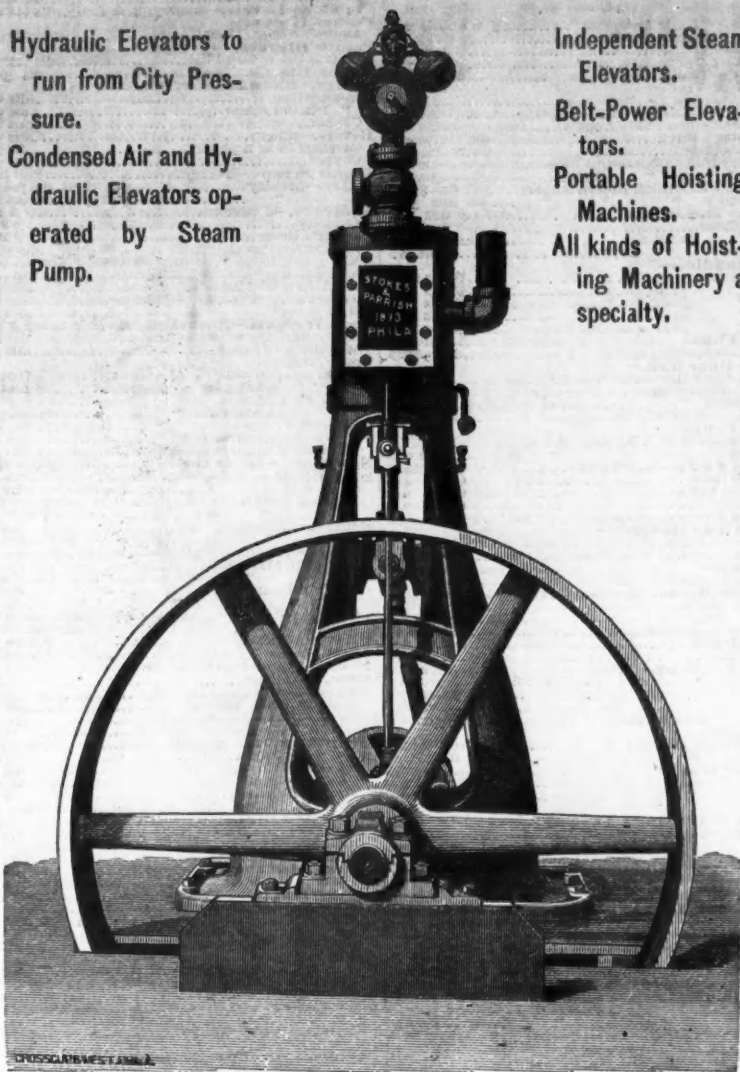
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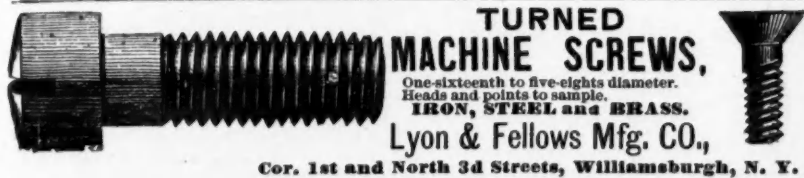
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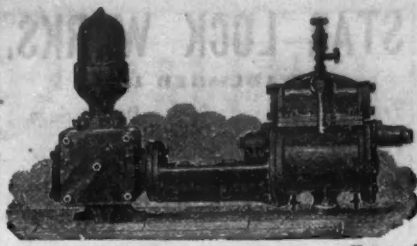
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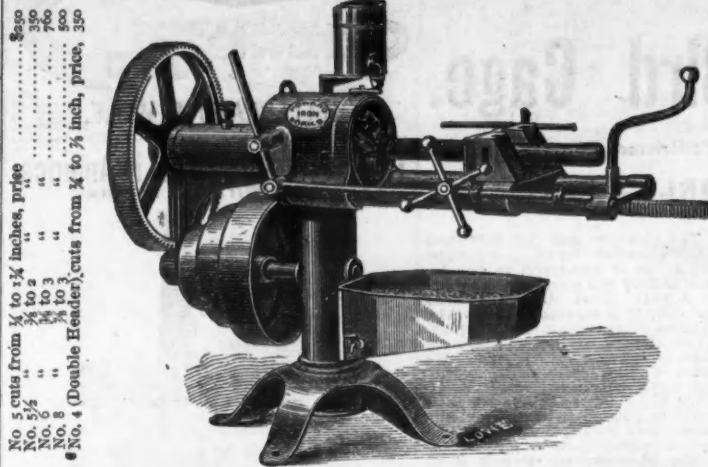
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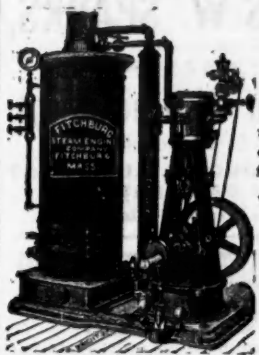
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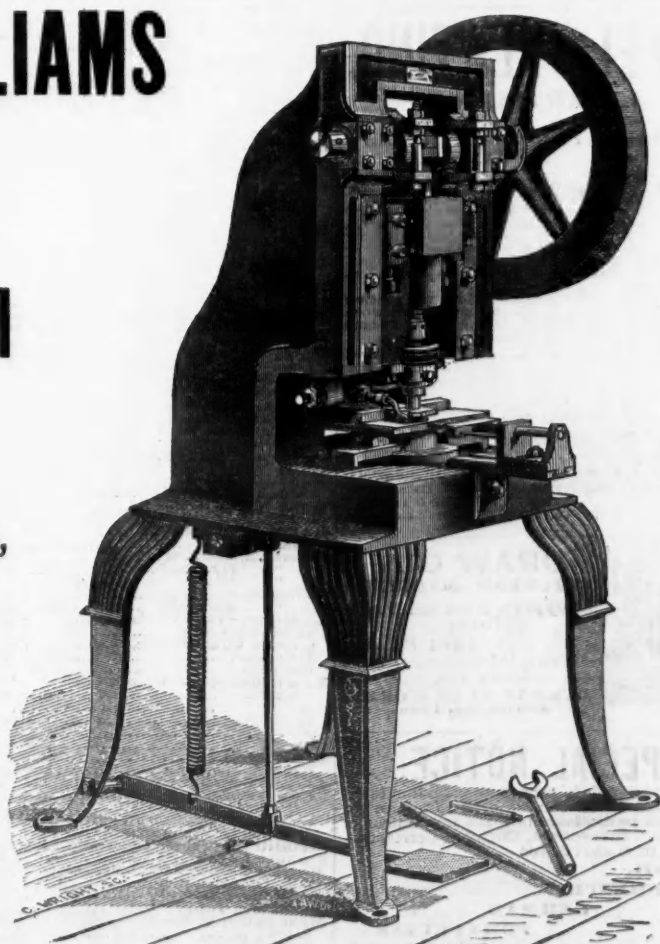
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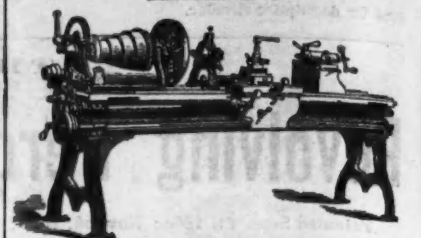
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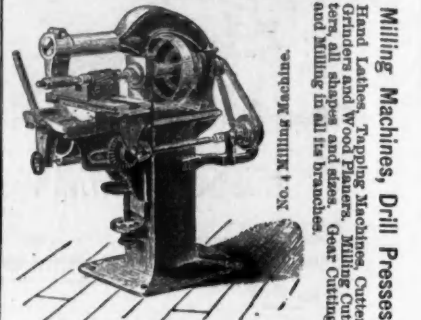
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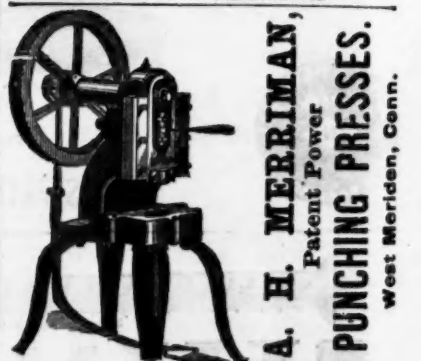
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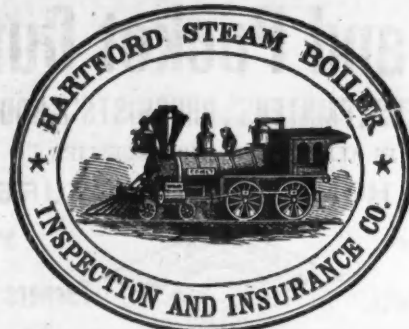
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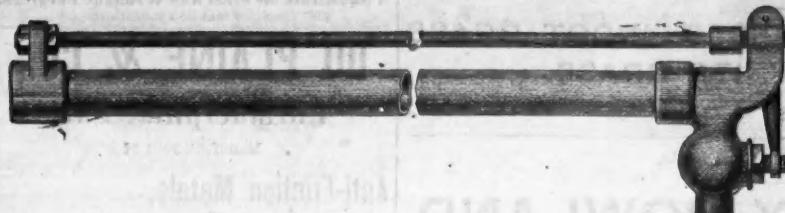
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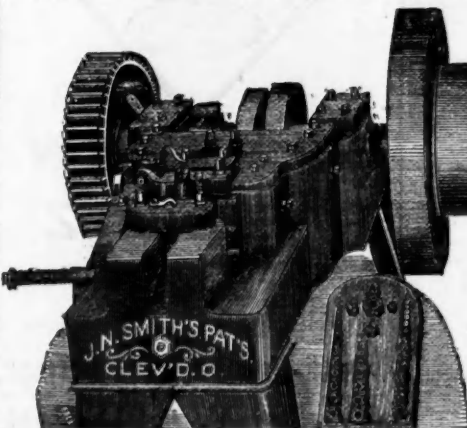
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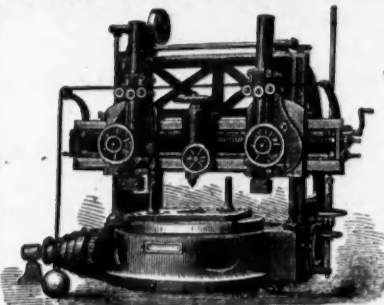


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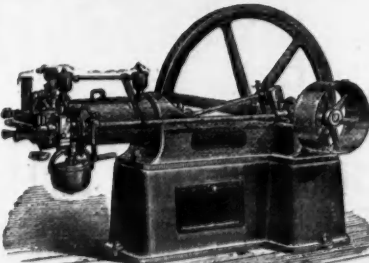
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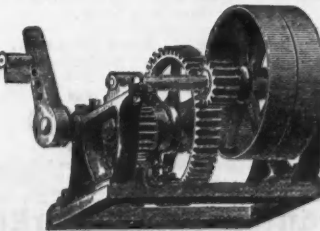
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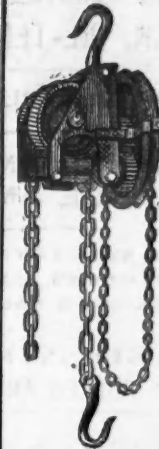
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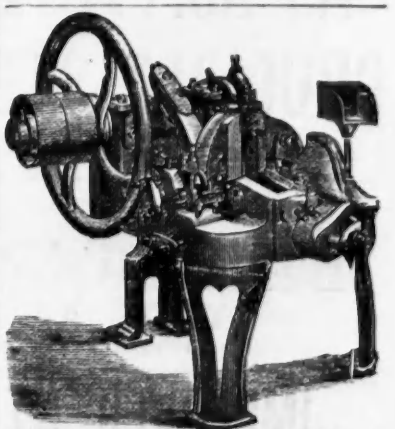
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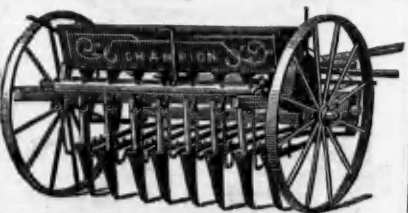
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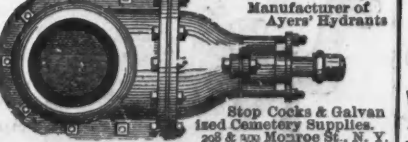
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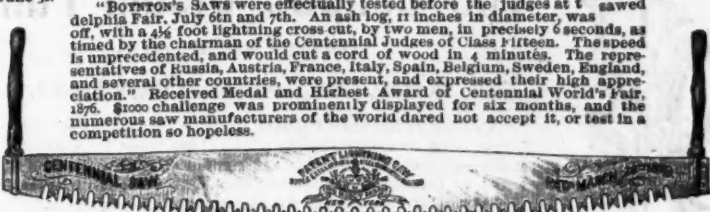
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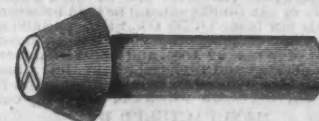
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